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Learning the fun of thinking on your feet



AN EXERCISE during the April 16 class at the Albany Community Center, top, the instruction from class leader Linda Patterson was to break from your arms in the air for two minutes. Above, Dave Patterson buckles in mock pain to add impact and get laughs from the audience during a short skit with, from right, Tina Barber, Matthew Madden-Smith and Dave Dyson.

improv classes are a chance to break from your identity and act out

IMPROV CLASS

WHAT: Improv classes offered by Albany Recreation and Community Services

WHEN: Various times and days
WHERE: The Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.

HOW MUCH: \$80 to \$115 for six sessions
INFORMATION: Call 510-524-9283

other tomfoolery.

At one point, the 20 or so class members stood up and began to circle around the room, waving their arms and yelling — all at the direction of the teacher

and matriarch, Linda Patterson. She wouldn't have it any other way.

"People have more energy," Patterson said of the participants. "They come tired after work and leave high as a kite. It's just a lot of fun."

The Albany Recreation and Community Services department offers the class and it is taught by members of the East Bay Improv, a group of performers headed by Patterson.

Patterson got into improvisational acting at Laney College in Oakland while she was a graphic design artist 30 years ago.

She went on to study it at Hayward State and Stanford universities. From there, she stud-

ied with Paul Sills, creator of Chicago's famed Second City group as well as Calgary's International Improvisation School in Canada.

She brought the classes to Albany in 1994 and they were a hit. Albany leisure services offers beginning and intermediate and performance-level classes, with more in the works, including singing, a children's class and an on-stage combat class.

"All the good improv was going on in San Francisco, and I wanted something on our side of the Bay," said Patterson, "and I wanted something to create that I wish existed when I was learn-

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Bluegrass performers come out to help save school music program

David Grisman headlines tonight's show at Albany High School

By Chris Treadway

STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Sometimes it pays to think big, but if you're a group of parent music boosters trying to raise \$175,000 to offset upcoming budget cuts, it also pays to have friends.

The upshot for music fans is a chance to see some of the better-known performers in bluegrass music at the Albany High School gymnasium tonight, headlined by the debut of the David Grisman Bluegrass Experience.

Landing Grisman, a virtuoso on the mandolin and one of the nation's groundbreaking bluegrass performers, "is a big coup," said longtime music journalist Larry Kelp, who will be the

BLUEGRASS

WHAT: "O, Music Where Art Thou" benefit featuring the David Grisman Bluegrass Experience, Laurie Lewis and Nina Gerber, and Bluegrass Intentions. All proceeds go to the "Save Music in Albany Schools" effort.

WHEN: Friday, April 26, 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Albany High School Gymnasium, 603 Key Route Blvd., Albany

TICKETS: \$20 adults, \$10 children 18 and under at the door

show's master of ceremonies.

"It's going to be the world premiere of the David Grisman Bluegrass Experience," Kelp said. "It's a sidestep back into his roots. He probably hasn't had a banjo in his hand for 30 years."

Tonight's show resulted when

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EC about to dive into swim-center overhaul

First major work since 1963 opening will cost nearly \$4 million

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The two aging El Cerrito pools at the city's swim center will be closed for about a year beginning this summer while the center undergoes nearly \$4 million worth of renovations that will do everything from rebuilding and relocating the swimming facilities to rebuilding the pool's operation center.

Residents and city officials admit the pool is in such bad shape that the renovations — which will take from 10 to 14 months — will be worth the wait.

"I've been swimming here for

POOL BENEFIT

WHAT: Pasta La Vista II, a spaghetti dinner and silent auction benefiting the El Cerrito Swim Center.

WHEN: Saturday, May 4, from 6 to 10 p.m.

WHERE: El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane

HOW MUCH: \$10 per person

INFORMATION: Visit the community center or call 925-215-4370 for tickets

30 years and I'm going to be sorry to not have this pool for a year," said Rosemarie Carlson, who was a lifeguard and taught swimming lessons there for 20

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El Cerrito focuses on improving its pathways and waterways

Volunteers help clean up El Cerrito for Earth Day

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — An estimated 100 people participated in giving the city a facelift Saturday, cleaning up parks, school grounds and green areas to clean up the city's annual Earth Day celebration.

Residents helped pick up 30 to 40 sites around the city. It was approximately the 10th year the city has sponsored Earth Day celebration, but just a month or so year residents participated in cleaning different sites, according to Earth Day coordinator, former mayor Howard Abelson.

The Abelsons make it a family tradition. "One of the things I like to do is get the kids and the family out and get together to work on a positive goal

which is to help El Cerrito be a better place," said Mayor Janet Abelson.

Each Earth Day the city picks a location to focus on, and this year it was the "gateways" to the city at the north and south ends of the Ohlone Greenway. At the north end, about 15 people cooperated to clean the pathway from Cerrito Creek to Fairmount Avenue.

Howard Abelson, the Ohlone Greenway site coordinator, said residents helped plant five trees and made the area look nicer.

"We were really amazed by how much was done in a real short period of time," he said, standing near some 40 garbage bags filled with trash and weeds that were waiting to be hauled away by city workers.

Cynthia Pagliero and her son, 11-year-old Atlee, joined in after seeing a flier advertising Earth Day and both were happy to spend three hours helping to plant trees and remove weeds at the city gateway.

Third-grade teacher Susan Gonzalez drove four of her students from Grace Patterson Elementary School in Vallejo to the site as a reward for doing well on Earth Day-related assignments.

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JANICE KOSEL, of Kensington, does weeding for her eighth year along along the Ohlone Greenway bike path for El Cerrito's citywide Earth Day cleanup Saturday.

Plans turn attention to neglected Cerrito Creek

While volunteers have worked to keep it clean, a project this summer would restore the creek to a more natural state

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Cerrito Creek flows down from the Berkeley hills through El Cerrito and Richmond and into the San Francisco Bay. At points it is underground and culverted and at other points, it's above ground and visible.

Creek advocates believe the visible areas should be environmentally healthy and aesthetically pleasing.

However, the 800 feet of open creek on the south side of El Cerrito Plaza, is in bad shape, with garbage, including old and dirty Styrofoam cups, paper bags and shopping carts strewn about. The banks, which are unsafe because of steep slopes, are eroding. So it's easy to see why the city has put in so much effort to widen it and make it look better.

By August, city officials expect work to begin on a plan that will slow the creek flow so it doesn't erode the banks and also plant native vegetation to create

a more pleasing environment for wildlife.

City officials and creek advocates are looking forward to seeing the work begin to enhance and beautify the stretch of creek between Kains and Talbot avenues near the Ohlone Greenway to a culvert near the west edge of the plaza parking lot.

"If we can make the thing that is rather ugly into something beautiful, people who work at the plaza, shop at the plaza, people who live in the apartments ... will have a beautiful place to enjoy nature," said Susan Schwartz, president of the creek advocacy group Friends of Five Creeks.

"Strictly from the point of view of the habitat, you can get more nesting birds, probably more small fish in the creek and plants that are easy to take care of," she said.

Interest in the revitalizing the creek began in the mid-1990s, coinciding with the El Cerrito Plaza redevelopment and the 1999 general plan update that called for a more aggressive approach to saving creeks.

Last fall the city received a \$350,000 grant from the Coastal Conservancy and also received a

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WORTH CHECKING OUT

Big-name bluegrass

Bluegrass stars Bill Evans, David Grisman and Laurie Lewis will play for Albany High's Band Boosters fundraiser at 7:30 tonight, AHS Gym. Tickets are \$20 adult, \$10 under 18. 510-559-8474 (voice mail), e-mail ehecht@pacbell.net, or at the door.

Help tend frog pond

Help create a Pacific chorus frog habitat at the Mira Vista Field at Sierra and Tulare avenues in Richmond on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Join the Friends of Baxter Creek in tending to the newly created frog pond and removing invasive weeds. They will also start the installation of the children's wetland and wildlife habitat garden on the Mira Vista School grounds. Tools, gloves, snacks and drinks will be provided, although you're welcome to bring your own gardening tools and gloves. Details: 510-231-5778 or apple@aoinstitute.org.

Down home music

Down Home Music Store, 10341 San Pablo Ave. in El Cerrito, continues its series of in-store performances at 2 p.m. Saturday with jazz vocals and guitar by Brenda Boykin and Eric Swinderman playing music "from the city and the back porch." Performances are the first and fourth Saturdays of the month. Details: 510-525-2129 or www.dowhomemusic.com.

Video grudge match

The most skilled video game players in the East Bay will face-off in an incredible battle of wits and skill Saturday evening at the Albany High School all-purpose room. Please note the change of location! There will be prizes for the winners, and lots of food. Those who want to watch, play video games just for fun, watch a movie, cartoons, or just hang, you are welcome, too! For more information: Albany Chamber of Commerce, 510-525-1771, albanychamber@bigplanet.com.

Saturday stories

Albany children ages 3-6 are invited to

the Saturday Morning Stories and Films series at the Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave. every Saturday from May 4 through June 29.

Puppets in the Park

On Saturday, May 4, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Berkeley Hills Nursery School will present the second annual Puppets in the Park event, featuring an exciting circus adventure with The Puppet Company in El Cerrito's Arlington Park on Arlington Boulevard. Bring the family for a host of entertainers, a magician, balloon creations by Nantz the Clown and Boris the Travelling Minstral.

NightFire at Muse

Local blues/rock band NightFire, featuring Harvey "Snake" Mandel, Michael "Bones" Borbridge, Freddie "Spider" Routelle and Michael Warren and special guest Henry Kaiser, plays from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. tonight at Club Muse, 856 San Pablo Ave. (at Solano) in Albany. There's a \$10 cover charge. Details: 510-528-2878.

Scoops for Schools

The Albany Education Foundation invites family, friends and neighbors to its annual ice cream social, Scoops for Schools, on Sunday from 1-4 p.m. at the Albany Community Center, 1217 Marin Ave. This afternoon of music, art and ice cream is AEF's way of thanking donors, volunteers, and grant recipients for their support.

Whiskey Brothers

El Cerrito-based bluegrass band the Whiskey Brothers plays at the Albatross Pub, 1822 San Pablo Ave. in Berkeley, at 9 p.m. on Wednesday May 1.

Get flexible

A hatha yoga class will be held from 5:45-6:45 p.m. Thursdays through May 3 at the El Cerrito Community Center Skyline Room, 7007 Mooser Lane. The intermediate level yoga class will involve gentle stretching and breathing and depending on participants, can be very gentle or vigorous. The instructor is Clair Lavery, For

more information, call Judie Bellotti at 510-215-4370.

Hoopsters converge

A 3-on-3 basketball tournament will be held May 11 in Albany with the final games played May 12. Players can sign-up today to play in one of four divisions. There will be 64 teams competing for a \$500 first prize and a \$250 second prize in each division. The event also includes demonstrations from local sports programs and a chance to see the new gym at Albany High. The tournament is hosted by and benefits Albany High's athletic program. Details: 510-525-2716.

Law enforcement awards

There's still time to get tickets for the Law Enforcement Recognition Dinner honoring officers from Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Kensington, BART, the Contra Costa Sheriff's Department and the California Highway Patrol. The Exchange Club of Albany-El Cerrito event honoring officers of the year is Wednesday, May 22, at the Galileo Club, 371 So. 23rd St. in Richmond. No-host social hour is at 6:30 p.m., dinner is at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person. Checks should be made to the Exchange Club and sent to 600 37th St., Richmond, CA 94805 by May 5. Details: L.C. McCune, 510-236-0459.

Auditions at CCCT

Contra Costa Civic Theatre will hold auditions for "Grease," by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey, on Monday and Tuesday, April 29 and 30, at 7 p.m. Director Andrew Gabel needs eight males age 15+, eight females age 13+, one male 30+, and one female 45+. Prepare a song in your key; accompanist will be provided, and a tape is OK. Dress to move. This is a non-AEA production and there is no pay. Callbacks will be on May 2, rehearsals begin May 6, and the show performs July 5 through Aug. 10. The theatre is located at 951 Pomona Ave. in El Cerrito. Details: 510-524-8654.

POLICE REPORTS

Police catch Berkeley knife-attack suspect

By K. Osborn
CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — At about 7 p.m. on April 15 a resident on the 700 block of Cerrito Street reported that between 5:30 p.m. and the time of the report thieves had broken into his light blue '91 Toyota Camry and stolen items from inside.

On the morning of April 16 a resident on the 900 block of Peralta Avenue reported that during the night thieves broke into his car, while it was parked in his driveway, and stole items from inside. The same night thieves broke into a blue '87 Toyota Camry parked on the 500 block of Talbot Avenue and stole items.

On the morning of April 17 officers stopped a green '69 Dodge on the 1000 block of Kains Avenue for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 33-year-old San Francisco man, was arrested for wife beating and corporal injury. He was cited and transported to Santa Rita Jail.

At about 3:30 p.m. on April 17 a man said that his blue Toyota 4-Runner had been broken

into while parked on the 1200 block of Albina Street.

On the evening of April 17 a resident on the 1000 block of Ventura Avenue reported that he had returned home and discovered that thieves had broken into his home and stolen computer items.

At about 8:30 p.m. on April 18 Berkeley police notified Albany that a subject described as a man driving a green Mazda had just attacked a woman with a knife near Gilman and Second streets. Albany officers observed the vehicle fleeing the area. They stopped the car and held the man until Berkeley officers arrived to arrest him.

On the morning of April 19 Albany officers contacted a subject taking recycling materials near Washington and Stannage avenues. They arrested the 24-year-old Richmond man for an outstanding felony warrant from Contra Costa County. He was cited and transported to Santa Rita Jail.

On the morning of April 19 a West Hills man reported that

his black '99 Chevrolet was broken into while parked on the 900 block more Street. Computer items were stolen and the thief seen.

A resident on the 400 of Cornell Avenue reported his bike was stolen on while it was in the back of the apartment building.

On the morning of a resident on the 800 E. Talbot Avenue reported thieves stole a heavy item from her front yard.

During the week of Albany officers towed vehicles, responded to eight alarms, attended to several deceased animals, assisted person who was locked out of car and responded to one of a barking dog. In the city arena officers responded to 15 civil disturbances and assists. Officers stopped and/or pedestrians issuing citations and 43 warnings, firefighter/paramedics responded to two fire calls and 12 emergencies.

Traffic stop leads to drug possession arrest

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Someone stole \$475 worth of property from an unlocked vehicle parked on the 6200 block of Jordan Avenue sometime between 8 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. the night of April 14.

A 1995 Mercury Tracer was stolen from the 3200 block of Belmont Avenue sometime between 9 p.m. and 5:45 a.m. on April 14.

Eighty-four Polo shirts were removed from a vehicle parked on the 5800 block of Hillside Avenue at 4 a.m. on April 15.

Property was removed from a vehicle parked at El Cerrito Plaza sometime between 10:10 a.m. and 9:45 p.m. on April 15.

A stereo was removed from a vehicle parked on the 2600 block of Sonoma Avenue sometime between 9:30 p.m. and 7:45 a.m. the night of April 15.

A stereo and other property

were removed from a vehicle parked on the 2600 block of Sonoma Avenue sometime between 9:30 p.m. and 7:45 a.m. the night of April 15.

A vehicle was stolen from the 1400 block of Elm Street at 11:40 p.m. on April 16.

A man was arrested during a traffic stop at San Pablo Avenue near Schmidt Lane after a police officer found a syringe containing heroin inside his vehicle. The man also gave the police a false name. Police booked the man into county jail on suspicion of possessing a controlled substance shortly after 7:40 a.m. on April 16.

A 1991 Toyota Camry was stolen from the 1100 block of Contra Costa Boulevard sometime between 5 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. on April 17.

An attempt was made to steal a 1993 Plymouth van on the 2200 block of Mono Avenue sometime between 7 p.m. and

8:30 a.m. on April 17.

Money was removed from a vehicle parked on the block of Kent Court sometime between 3 p.m. and midnight on April 18.

A 1991 Toyota Camry was stolen from the 1100 E. Richmond Street sometime between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. on April 18.

Two people were seen by a neighbor while they steal property from a house at the 6500 block of Manila at 12:45 p.m. on April 18.

The rear window of a car parked on the 1700 E. Eastshore Boulevard smashed sometime between 10:30 a.m. on April 18 person who smashed the window when the car alarm rang.

El Cerrito police seized a stolen Toyota Corolla on Diego Street and Belmont Avenue at 7:20 a.m. on April 19.

ALBANY CHAMBER NOTES

Spring brings out the best in things

By James Carter

IT WAS WARM AND BEAUTIFUL in Albany early this week, folks enjoying the sunshine, sipping tea and lattes and nibbling on delicate pastries and other treats from Grace Baking, Eunice Gourmet Cafe, and a dozen other wonderful spots in town.

Adolescent trees planted by the city stretched their limbs and offered flowers to the sun, unwilling to yield to the movement of the earth just yet ... And young couples held hands and sauntered up and down Solano and San Pablo avenues late into the evening, women in summer dress and less, men wearing shorts, T-shirts, and blissful grins.

Families took the kids out for a stroll as well, and folks young and old ate ice cream cones and other treats, enjoying all that is Albany — a fusion of Main Street and the future.

Meteorologists predict the fog will roll in soon, touching new leaves and young faces

with moisture from the Bay. And that is the way things are in the spring here. Yet today the sky was clear and blue and warm all day, the moon casting shadows late into the night.

Yes, there may be a few days still where there will be a chill. But make no mistake about it, spring is here. It is time to put away your wool sweaters, visit Flowerland, turn off your television sets, take the kids to Sweet Potatoes for summer clothes, and go to work in your garden.

AND IF YOU LOVE being outdoors in the spring, if you savor the pleasure of fine food, good music, and the sense of belonging to a community, take out your felt pen and circle this date on your calendar: Sunday, June 2. It is Albany's first-ever Spring Festival.

This is your chance to spend a day with family and friends — with loved ones and lovers — and enjoy the blue sky and green grass of Memorial Park, not to mention 10 of the best restaurants in town, including Nizza la Bella, The Solano

Grill, Walker's Restaurant and Pie Shop, The Naaree, Clay Pot Seafood House, Fonda, Filippo's Pastaria, Ruen Pair, The Aegean Grill, Grace Baking, and — the latest addition to restaurant row — Celadon Fine Teas.

Entertainer Jean-Paul Valjean will work his magic on the young and old that day as people join their neighbors and friends in the park, where they should be. The Albany High School Jazz Band will perform there, as will Rhythm Bound, a fabulous rhythm and blues band. And there is more, much more ...

THERE WILL ALSO be a fabulous art show inside the Veteran's Building June 2, featuring talented artists like Tyler Hoare, Ed Hill, Ricardo Gill, the landfill collective known as "Sniff," Stan Whitehead, Julius Spilman, and many others. And there will be a chance for you and your family to travel through time to Old Albany, an opportunity to view rare photographs back when there were

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Suspected shooter arrested after chase

ALBANY — El Cerrito police helped their Richmond counterparts Monday in arresting a man sought in connection with a shooting committed last year. The suspect is in custody and waiting to be arraigned after being arrested after a high-speed pursuit.

Richmond police spokesman Enos Johnson said Richmond resident Deven Crowder, 26, is expected to be arraigned Wednesday on a variety of charges including assault with a deadly weapon in connection with the

non-fatal shooting that occurred in Richmond in November.

Johnson said a police officer spotted Crowder on South 17th Street at about 5:40 p.m. Monday and attempted to pull him over. Crowder, driving a Ford Mustang owned by his female passenger, allegedly refused to pull over and led the officer on a chase.

The California Highway Patrol assisted with the chase that went on and Interstate Highway 580 before ending in Albany, Johnson said.

Crowder jumped out of the Mustang and was arrested with the help of the El Cerrito Department, Johnson said.

His passenger was arrested.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Stucco falls at community center

ALBANY — The Marin Avenue doorway access to the Albany Community Center at 1249 Marin Ave. was closed April 15 after the stucco from the top section of the building's tower fell to the ground in the outdoor foyer area at around 8 p.m.

The city is looking at ways to secure the area so that in the short term, no one gets hurt, as well as long-term solutions so nothing falls there in the future. The city hired a contractor to begin removing the rest of the wayward stucco on Tuesday.

"We're relieved that nobody was hurt, that nobody was hit and that we're sure that nobody is," said City Manager Beth Pol-

During the meantime, access to the community center may be limited to the rear entrance adjacent to the parking lot. Library materials should be returned to the library during the day because the front drop has been closed due to the renovation.

Albany tennis courts slated for renovation

ALBANY — The city will spend \$160,000 on the renovation of Memorial Park Tennis Courts, which have been out of service for the last several years.

The courts were made unusable after they were used as the site for portable buildings and classrooms while Albany High School was being remodeled and rebuilt. The city is looking at paving and installing the courts, and installing new fencing, nets, posts and lighting.

The city is scheduled to receive contracting bids for the project on May 20 with the City Council awarding the contracts at its June meeting.

The costs for the project include \$115,000 for general construction, \$25,000 for lighting construction and \$20,000 in contingency administration for the two phases of work. The Albany Unified School District is giving \$100,000 and \$40,000 has been budgeted for the city's lighting and landscaping funds.

Most, if not all of the work will be performed and paid for in the fiscal year 2002-03. An additional \$20,000 is in the proposed fiscal 2003 budget.

City computers to handle El Cerrito finances

EL CERRITO — The City Council has approved \$250,000 for a computer system to control the city's finances in order to replace the Eden Systems software phased out by its maker in January.

The city committee reviewed and evaluated several different companies on the basis of cost and functionality and in late March chose World Systems Corporation to provide the city's new financial management software. The city plans to have the system installed by July 1.

At its April 15 meeting, the council authorized the city manager to negotiate and enter into an agreement to acquire the automated system from New World Systems Corporation.

The final cost would not exceed \$250,000, the amount the city budgeted in fiscal 2001-02 year for the installation.

Marin Avenue traffic is topic of presentation

ALBANY — Traffic-calming measures under consideration for Marin Avenue will be presented during a Traffic and Safety Commission meeting at 7 p.m., Thursday, May 2, at City Hall, 1000 San Pablo Ave.

The presentation will include evaluating the effects of converting Marin Avenue from four lanes of traffic to three, and creating bicycle lanes.

The traffic calming measures proposed are part of a traffic management plan adopted by the City Council in May of 2000.

For more information, call the Albany Community Development Department at 510-528-5760.

Positives, negatives of teenager changes

EL CERRITO — "A Teenager in a Maturing Body: The Positives and Negatives" is the topic of the workshop for parents of teenagers on Thursday, May 2, from 7 - 9 pm in Room 812 at El Cerrito High School, 640 Ashbury Ave.

Parenting becomes more complex as your teen's body changes during the puberty years. What's going on? How do teen's hormones affect their bodies, moods, school success, and daily behavior? How can you understand and support their growing needs and more effective ways? These are some of the questions that will be discussed in this workshop.

Dr. Bymes, a WCCUSD school psychologist and behavior analyst, will be the presenter. Prior to coming to WCCUSD,

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Spend a day at the Bay Festival — you won't regret it



DAVE GREER
Man About Town

Folks who have been attending some of the numerous happenings this week in celebration of Earth Day can get a nautical slant on this important event tomorrow, April 27, at the annual Berkeley Bay Festival at the Berkeley Marina.

There are more free events and activities planned for the entire family than you can shake a spinnaker pole at. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. there will be a truly amazing choice of music, food, games, boat rides, scientific exhibits and ways to have fun and learn about both the bay and the waterfront surrounding it. There will also be information on summer jobs and programs.

I usually avoid large gatherings, but the City of Berkeley and a raft of organizations have put together such a medley of opportunities for people of all ages and interests to enjoy themselves that I'm going to be one of them. I plan to check out the planetarium in the Dock of the Bay and the insects in the Discovery Lab. And I've always wanted to see an outrigger canoe race. Why not? It's all free!

The events will be centered at the Berkeley Marina at the foot of University Avenue off I-80. From 10 a.m. until noon the Eastshore State Park Planning Team is offering a guided walk, and Bay Trail volunteers will take bike riders over the new 1-80 overpass, the Bay Trail, and the new Eastshore State Park. Canoeing classes will be given at 10 and 11. This will be followed by a talk on snakes (that's right!), and a demonstration of how oil spills are cleaned up by the oil spill vessel "Sentinel."

If you prefer to learn about the revolutionary new straw-bale building planned at the Marina to be built of recycled materials and employing solar energy, there is a workshop at 10:30 a.m. at the nearby Shore Bird Nature Center. The new building will expand the limited facilities of the "temporary" center where more than 600,000 children have learned about nature for the last 20

years.

MAIN EVENTS: Starting at noon in Marina Square in front of the Marina Office, 56 exhibitors from parks and recreational, environmental and educational groups will be staffing "hands on" activity tables, games, and selling food. There will be sea shanties by Holdstock and Macleod; children's music by Gary Lapow; jazz by Lee Waterman; and Cajun music by the All Star Cajun Band.

Those who want to get afloat can do so with free sailing rides by the Cal Sailing Club, Cal Adventures, and the Bay Area Association of Disabled Sailors. The Fish and Game patrol boat "Marlin" will take people out between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

For those who like a bit more comfort, there are "mini bay tours" aboard the posh Hornblower vessels. The historic sailing barge "Alma" will be open for boarding as will the Oakland fireboat "Sea Wolf," a U.S. Coast Guard vessel, and a Berkeley Police Marine Unit.

To find out more about these and other attractions, check this Web site: <http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/marina/marinexp/bayfest.html>. This is a great opportunity for those unfamiliar with the many possibilities for recreation and education on the waterfront to learn more about them. See you there!

MARIN AVENUE SIMULATION: There will be a computer simulation demonstration of several alternative proposals for slowing traffic on Marin Avenue in Albany at 7 p.m. next Thursday, May 2, in the council chambers of Albany City Hall, 1000 San Pablo Avenue.

This simulation is planned to give the public a preview of

how traffic would actually perform if the present four traffic lanes were reconfigured into three traffic lanes, one being a turn lane, and two bicycle lanes. In May of 2000 the Albany City Council adopted the City of Albany Traffic Management Plan and directed the Traffic and Safety Commission to further study the feasibility of the reduction of travel lanes.

Albany community development director Ann Chaney says the computer simulation was chosen since it would not risk the confusion that might result from physically marking off sections of Marin Avenue. Kove Engineering has produced the simulation and will present it. The firm lists the cost for this and related services including two meetings, one with the council, one with the city staff, at \$32,600.

This computer simulation is an expensive and important show that anybody interested in the future of the city should attend. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the proposals, none of which have as yet been approved by the City Council. But time for public input is running out before final decisions will be made.

FAREWELL REBA: This is the obituary of my old friend, Reba, who happened to be a dog. I write her obituary for the same reason I have written scores of others: to inform people whose lives were touched by her that she is no longer with us. And I think others who love dogs would like to know her story.

If you live in or near Albany, you may remember Reba. She was the big, black Lab that for years chased tennis balls in and about Memorial Park. She was a friendly dog, and children loved to throw the ball for her. She belonged to Sheri Burks, The Girl Next Door to us in the 500 block of Curtis Street. She and Sheri were both outgoing and well known

in the neighborhood.

Having more time than Sheri, I took a hand in training the young dog to obey commands. The only way you can safely let a dog off leash in a city is to make sure it is under voice control. However, I kept a line on her collar which I could pick up in case of emergency, and I carried a doggie bag. The foolish canine turf wars had not come to afflict Albany then, so we had no trouble.

One of Reba's great pleasures was to visit the city's Friendship Club in Memorial Park when the kids were out playing. They never tired of throwing her ball, and she never tired of retrieving it. I also took a tennis racquet and hit balls for her in the playing field and bounced them off the back of the old Albany High gym.

Reba became expert at figuring where those tricky wall shots would bounce and jumping high to catch them. People loved to watch her perform, and I often let kids wield the racquet. Some asked about her for years. But age took its toll of both Reba and me, and the balls flew less and the walks grew further apart.

A few years ago Sheri and her husband, John Zalabak, moved nearby to Berkeley. Reba became deaf and her hind legs increasingly feeble. She was 14 years old — a long life for a big dog — when the sad day came recently when she was in pain and could no longer get up. We all knew it was time for her to go. Fortunately, dogs can be given a merciful death even if people can't.

So an old dog has lived out her life. She brightened Albany for many, and she was a joy to John and Sheri and her extended family. We loved her and will miss her always. I hope she is in dog heaven with plenty of tennis balls and children to throw them for her.

EC Garden Club celebrates with sale

EL CERRITO — The El Cerrito Garden Club will celebrate its members day at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 9, at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moers Lane.

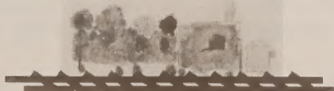
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of plants for sale, as well as white elephants, crafts, baked goods and books. Everyone may bring a flower or plant from the garden, identified, to display on specimen tables. For more information, call 510-525-1669.

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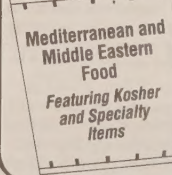
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Help save the music

Doing anything tonight? Unless you've already purchased tickets — in which case, good for you! — consider getting yourself over to Albany High School around 7:30.

You'll not only be helping to save music in the Albany schools, you'll be doing yourself a favor.

How? In the short term, you might discover a form of music you never knew existed. Bluegrass or old-time music is as elemental as the hills, with themes no less universal than love, life and death. In a world where we're bombarded by overproduced, synthetic-drumbeat, throwaway pop on radio, TV and the supermarket, this is music that still sounds vitally, intimately human.

And it doesn't get much better than the way it will be performed by the artists involved tonight, including David Grisman, Laurie Lewis and Bill Evans (who happens to be an Albany parent). They're the real deal.

And in the long term, you'll be doing yourself a favor because of the great good that studying music does for children: the adults of the future.

Ask any band parent — they're likely to tell you that being in band gives kids a place to belong in a big school, and a sense of accomplishment that can help them ride out frequently turbulent teen years.

Aside from the educational benefits of music — and the studies seem to keep coming that confirm this — kids who play an instrument in the schools learn all sorts of great lessons like how to persevere even when a skill is difficult to learn and how to work together with others to produce something beautiful.

Those are lessons they'll take with them through life. And don't forget, in a short time they'll be the people who run the world we all live in.

So consider taking in this concert. Help the schools, help yourself and, oh yes, have a rollicking great time tonight.

The 'O, Music Where Art Thou' benefit will be held at 7:30 tonight in the Albany High School gymnasium, 603 Key Route Blvd., Albany, featuring the David Grisman Bluegrass Experience, Laurie Lewis and Nina Gerber, and Bluegrass Intentions. All money raised will go directly to the 'Save Music in Albany Schools' effort. Tickets are \$20 adults, \$10 children 18 and under.

Our own dock of the Bay

Feel that warmth? As if rewarding the Bay Area for its proliferation of Earth Day events, Mother Nature has blessed us with weather perfect for outdoor activities.

Discussion of new the Eastshore State Park illustrates how in-demand outdoor space is these days for urbanites. It truly is a precious commodity that everyone with an inclination for fresh air and open space wants a part of.

Everyone, indeed, and that's the problem. It's a fight between purveyors of age-old activities, such as bird-watching and hiking, and aficionados of more modern pastimes, from ballgames to windsurfing. A preliminary plan sets aside bits of the land for nearly everyone, but it's still contested and in the end is going to take a lot of money and public interest to make it work. It's important that this stretch along Interstate 80 is not forgotten.

Have you seen it? Have you strolled amongst the California natives, the flora and fauna that existed here far before man encroached with landfills and development? Take a look around, and it will become apparent why everyone wants a part of it to call, well, maybe not home, but perhaps their very own recreation room.

This Saturday offers a great opportunity to go take a gander at our little bit by the Bay, with the Berkeley Bay Festival, an annual event since 1937.

Numerous activities are offered for all age groups, and the event is free. The theme is environmental education and the Bay; something we all should know more about as plans are laid out for this local treasure.

The skies are inviting, and nature awaits. Why not go take a look?

For more information on the Berkeley Bay Festival, see the Man about Town column on page A3.

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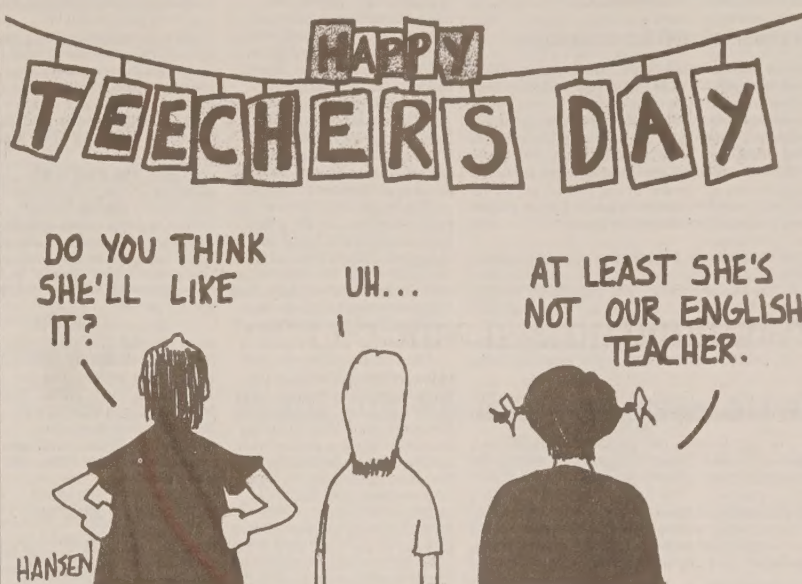
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Common-sense ideas

I thought it might be a good idea to put forth a couple of challenges to El Cerrito — mostly because I make my home here and wish to improve the place where I live.

The first is for El Cerrito to declare itself a "solar city," providing low-interest (zero percent?) loans and education to residents and businesses to retrofit with solar energy. Such measures would reduce dependence on the grid or gas pipeline by 50 percent in the next 10 years. We can set the goal as high as we want.

The second is to encourage people to purchase smaller, more energy-progressive automobiles instead of SUVs or small trucks. This would have the two-fold effect of reducing oil dependence and reducing the horrible overcrowding and unsuitableness of the larger vehicles in a terribly congested urban area.

At roughly 5 percent annually, California is the fastest growing "country" in the world, behind Liberia (5.5 percent), but ahead of Sierra Leone (4.5 percent). At that rate, the population will be more than 100 million people in about 40 years, which is not a pretty prospect.

El Cerrito can be in the league of cities that, as Bobby Kennedy said: "Dream of things that never were and ask, 'Why not?'"

George McRae
El Cerrito

A dangerous route

As an Albany resident, I would like to bring an important issue to the attention of your readers.

By the base of Albany Hill, on the 500 block of Pierce Street, between the condominiums and single houses, is a stretch of street, about 100 yards long, without a sidewalk.

Many young children walk to and from school along this dangerous and ill-lit portion of road every day. Some families do not wish to allow their young children to use this route for foot transportation, but have no better choice.

Unfortunately, the city refuses to make a sidewalk because of a statute only allowing sidewalks to be made in front of buildings. This, however, is a notable exception that deserves attention.

I very strongly urge the City Council and individual taxpayers to consider this very consequential need.

Edward A. Hess
Albany

Hess is a ninth-grader at Bentley School in Lafayette.

Correct mistake

I think the El Cerrito City Council goofed by not including a movie theater in the upgrading and redesigning of the El Cerrito Plaza. There is a great need for one in this area.

Now they have a chance to correct this mistake by supporting the historic Cerrito Theater. I hope everyone gets behind this effort to bring a theater to our city.

Mary Joy Barker
El Cerrito

The 'great secret'

Certainly enough time has passed such that the "great secret" should once again be revealed, and why not among the letters to the editor?

What secret? Why, how to achieve peace with ourselves and the world and find real, abiding happiness, of course.

Here is one rendering of it: From your attitude toward life, purge all sense of entitlement. Entitlement has caused you to turn away from actively appreciating what is your lot. Instead focus all your attention on your desires. The desires tantalize you with the promise of bringing just the right changes to your circumstances which shall then cause you to become happy.

Daily, replace this sense of entitlement with thoughts of gratitude, awe and joy in everything you have and don't have throughout your life experience.

Once you dare to begin this simple, but impossibly difficult process, you will become aware that in the midst of life's ups and downs, likes and dislikes, joys and frustrations, losses and gains, praises and blames, you are happy.

And this is only the beginning!

Ron Greenstein
El Cerrito

Limits to stupidity?

So now California is facing a \$14.5 billion budget deficit.

How about a solution to this financial disaster that costs us essentially nothing? All we'd have to do would be to enforce our current immigration laws. This would mean repatriating the 3 million illegals now in California and to reduce the number of legal immigrants to a remarkably generous level of 100,000 per year.

Immigration cost California \$28 billion in 1996, after subtracting taxes paid by immigrants. It's much higher today.

Why are we funding free health care and K-12 education for illegal immigrants? With Proposition 187, California voters said loudly and clearly that we were tired of it. However, Gray Davis swept Prop. 187 under the rug.

Governor Davis just signed a bill to provide \$11,000 a year tuition subsidy to each illegal resident attending California colleges. And you thought there were limits to stupidity? Ha!

It's time to repatriate the illegals and to maintain a sensible level of legal immigration. We're tired of energy shortages, ugly sprawl, overcrowded schools, ridiculous traffic, inflated tax bills, toxic air ... and just wait until the next drought.

More than 92 percent of California's population growth in the last decade was

caused by our utterly unsustainable of mass immigration.

The Sept. 11 disaster was a failure of our immigration policy. We welcome people to America who hate us. We imported a fifth column into America and we are now appreciating the results.

President Bush still wants to legislate the millions of illegals already here. You thought presidents were supposed to protect America and enforce our laws. Ha!

K.R. Hamer
Berkeley

Worthy renovation

I am writing to express my support for a renovated theater at the furniture store site at San Pablo and Central avenues in El Cerrito.

We don't value a society based on chain stores. We cherish and understand any culture through its artifacts, its music, its theater, its poetry — in its expression of self.

Socrates rightly said that the unexamined life is not worth living. A obviously renovated art deco movie palace in the manner of the Parkway in London, will make life much more worthwhile for all concerned.

Michael Z...

Inviting terrorists

Most Americans are unaware that national security is about to be severely damaged yet again.

The culprit? President Bush's strange, misplaced generosity to Mexico is determined to reward illegal Mexican aliens with amnesty.

The word "amnesty" will not be however, because Americans have been passionately against another relaxation to the powerful cheap-labor behind keeping borders open. No prize for lawbreaking will occur in fine print, with a little lawyer double called Section 245(i), which will let catapult illegal aliens ahead of folks have played by the rules to enter country.

While the President sends Americans to fight and die in the against terrorism, he makes a mockery of that sacrifice by maintaining the immigration chaos that permitted attacks in the first place.

We cannot have an open border allows in only "good" immigrants keeps out the bad.

Terrorists can enter the same way a farm worker, and they will be encouraged to do so by this ill-considered agreement with Mexico.

An amnesty now will declare pathetically that America is still open to terrorist business.

Brenda W...

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

Double standard hurts understanding of Mideast violence



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

ast week, I strolled over to Sproul Plaza on the Cal campus to see if any of the people who had been protesting the American bombing of Afghanistan during Ramadan also were outraged by the suicide bombings in Israel during the week.

I could have saved myself the trouble. There were lots of people there, all right, but nary a peep about the suicide bombings. But I had plenty to say about the reaction, which they likened to the Holocaust.

Need I point out that there's a double standard at work here? It's more egregious when you consider that the Palestinians target women and children (suicide bombings usually occur in supermarkets, shopping malls and dis- with soldiers hurt as a side effect). The Israelis, on the other hand, target soldiers, with women and children hurt as a side effect. Why this selective morality? I think it's human nature. We tend to turn a blind eye to our friends' shortcomings, while we're all too

aware of every last transgression by our enemies. That's why Ronald Reagan couldn't see that his beloved Contras were really terrorists, or why many in the anti-Vietnam War movement couldn't admit that the North Vietnamese were torturing American pilots.

In this case, the left has decided that the Palestinians are the good guys and the Israelis are the bad guys. So they turn out by the thousands to decry the death of Palestinians, but dead Jews aren't even worth mentioning.

And people wonder why the Israelis are deaf to criticism! You would be, too, if you didn't think your critics were acting in good faith. When Arafat says he wants peace, they don't believe him. When Kofi Annan denounces them, they don't trust him. When Bush asks for restraint, they remember the Gulf War, when they heeded his father's request for restraint in the face of Iraqi scud missile attacks. And they ask, "What did it get us?"

Not much, as it turns out. In just the last 18 months Israel has

lost more than 400 people to suicide bombings. That's a huge number in such a small population — the equivalent of six Sept. 11-type attacks in this country.

With such losses, the urge to hit back must have been irresistible. I can't think what else Sharon could have done, at least in the short run. But the long run will require a more sophisticated strategy.

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A good start would be to admit that the Israelis have been guilty of a double standard, too. They've never really acknowledged that the Palestinians got the short end of the stick when the Jewish state was created in 1948. There's one basic reason Israel was established: the Holocaust. It taught Jews they need a safe refuge whenever the world's chronic anti-Semitism has one of its periodic lethal eruptions. And the other countries, including both the United States and the Soviet Union, went along out of guilt, because during the war they looked the other way while the Jews were

being fed to the ovens.

Fine, say the Palestinians, but why should we be the ones to pay the price? Why not give them, say, Germany, instead?

Tempting though it is to fantasize about the Germans wandering the world for the next 2,000 years, that's not the way it worked out, for geopolitical reasons. For better or worse, the Jewish homeland was plunked down in Palestine. And the founders didn't give much thought to the people who were already there. As Golda Meir said, "Who are the Palestinians?" Just as peace will never come until the Palestinians admit that the Israelis have a right to live in peace, it'll never come unless the Israelis admit that the Palestinians have grievances, too.

Instead, we now have the worst of all possible worlds: both sides seeing of themselves as victims and dismissing the other side's concerns out of hand.

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Abraham Lincoln once calculated that he could have purchased every slave in the South and given

them their freedom for what it cost to wage the Civil War for just three months. You could say something similar about today's Middle East: Every single displaced Palestinian would be rich if they had the money that's been squandered on this conflict.

Instead, all that money — not to mention thousands of lives — has been poured down a rat hole. And peace is no closer than it was in 1948. The irony is that it was almost within the parties' grasp — not once, but twice.

The first time was five years ago, right after the assassination of Itzhak Rabin. The hawks were on the run, and the new Prime Minister, Shimon Peres, was even more anxious than Rabin to strike a deal.

And what was the Palestinian response? A string of suicide bombings that brought down the Peres government and opened the door for the überhawk, Benjamin Netanyahu. A few years later, another dovish Prime Minister, Ehud Barak, offered the Palestinians everything they said they wanted, including their own state on the West Bank.

Result: another round of suicide bombings that sank Barak and elected Ariel Sharon, who makes Netanyahu look like a pacifist. And Sharon has returned the favor. His heavy-handedness has made heroes of Hamas and Hezbollah in the refugee camps, ensuring another generation of suicide bombers.

In short, the extremists on both sides got exactly what they wanted: each other.

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The problem is that they're not the only ones with a stake in this struggle.

A friend of mine just sent me an e-mail that reads, "Do you ever get the feeling that if we were transported to the year 2245 and picked up a local newspaper, the headline would still read, 'Fighting escalates over territory in the Middle East?'"

Well, I know what she means, but the answer is no. If this cycle of violence isn't ended, and soon, there won't be a 2245.

Don't forget that Israel has The Bomb. And if it ever looks like they really are about to be pushed into the sea, they won't hesitate to use it. It won't matter whether the prime minister is a dove or a hawk. When they say, "Never again," they mean it.

And that's just the beginning. The Muslims have The Bomb, too — in Pakistan. If the Israelis go nuclear, the pressure on Pakistan to give it to their Palestinian brothers will be irresistible.

If Pakistan jumps in, the Indians (who also have a nuclear capability) will call up their forces. And that will make the Chinese nervous, which will trigger in turn a Russian mobilization, which ...

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Bargain-hunting time in wine country

THE MONTHS preceding a presidential election, traffic violations in France skyrocket and road deaths increase.

All thanks to a bizarre tradition where the winning candidate proclaims a general amnesty for speeding and reckless driving infractions. It's serious enough that our State Department has a travelers' warning.

Adding traffic is something Americans know intimately. So, once the carnage of our two gubernatorial candidates made such sense. Mon Dieu! Let's pray Simon camps don't learn the tough enough navigating and the state and I have three recommendations that inspire you to hit the road, safely if you like wine.

There is something else we have in common with our Gallic friend. France, the state is rich in picturesque vineyards and wineries. One of year, a good part of a day is spent devising ways to promote his produce people to the tasting room and the property to some use the grapes idle away their growing to a respectable manner by harvest time. The result: endless series of charity auction-wine pairings, regional festivals and even concerts.

With knowing about are three different, but no less celebrations in three different California Wine Countries."

Sonoma Valley is our first stop. Gundlach-Bundschu Winery (707-938-5277) has put together a red wine blending seminar and a "best blend" contest on Saturday, May 4 from noon to 3 p.m., and it's open to the public.

Wine-maker Linda Trotta and Master Viticulturist Jim Bundschu will walk participants through the blending process of Cabernet wine varieties. Prizes will be awarded to the team with the best blended wine and the most creative label design. The good news is it won't cost you an arm and a leg. Admission is just \$15 and includes the seminar, cheese and bread and a bottle of your blended wine. Reservations are required.

Santa Cruz is our next stop. Here, a company called Going South Wine Tours (415-252-7491 or www.evigrade.com) is hosting two day/one night wine tasting and camping tours on the third weekend of every month through October. The tour departs San Francisco, winds through the Santa Cruz Mountains stopping at selected wineries and camping at Big Basin Redwoods State Park. Guides set up tents and prepare a gourmet dinner under the stars to pair with the wines purchased that day. The following morning kicks off with a hike, breakfast and an option to soak in the hot tubs at Well Within Spa. The group hits two more wineries before returning to San Francisco.

Wineries include Bonny Doon

Vineyard, Byington Winery, David Bruce, Storrs and Thomas Fogarty Wineries. Melissa Jaquish, founder of the tour company says she picked these wineries for their beauty, quality of wine and the winemaker's accessibility.

The tour price is \$125. I'm one who thinks camping is when you're more than three doors away from the ice machine. However, a package like this could turn me into a bona fide outdoorsman.

Livermore is our final stop. Wentz Vineyards (925-456-2450) solved the question of what to do while the grapes grow a long time ago by building both a critically acclaimed destination restaurant and now a world class golf course. Now the restaurant is encouraging people to bring a special bottle of wine to dinner by waiving the customary corkage fee each Friday night through May. "Open That Bottle Night" was created by Wall Street Journal wine writers

MIKE CLEARY
The Food and Travel Enthusiast

Dorothy Gaiter and John Brecher.

The idea is to inspire people to uncork those bottles they've been saving for a "special occasion." A good idea might be to spend a Friday afternoon hitting some of the Livermore Valley wineries and conclude with dinner at Wentz. Perhaps, you can bring the bottle you blended at Gundlach-Bundschu or purchased in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Be advised, though, to watch your driving. This isn't France.

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Architect makes a Stong case for fine arts at annual show

Kevin Stong will probably enter some of his recent photographs of Joshua Tree National Park as his entries in the El Cerrito Art Association's 26th annual Art Show, taking place April 26, 27 and 28 at the Community Center.

Stong, the show co-chair, is an avid photographer who, by camera and then in his dark room, produces really lovely photos of the nature he loves.

I admired one photograph of the Bridal Veil Falls in Yosemite, and he took it from the wall to show me the work he had done in his darkroom to bring out a shadow which seems to sculpt the beautiful falls.

With his co-chair, Wenona Bixby, he is working to make this year's show one of the most memorable in the Association's history.

The El Cerrito Art Association does have a history of very attractive and successful art exhibits. Artists of all types come from all over the area to take part in the show. Entries in the eight categories of art come from Alameda County, San Francisco and the San Francisco Peninsula as well, of course, as from El Cerrito and Contra Costa County.

The categories in the non-juried art exhibit include oil and acrylic, watercolor, collage, graphics, pastel and mixed media, sculpture, photography, both black and white and color, computer generated art-all mediums, and Asian style art, any medium.

Stong says he also works in watercolor, but doesn't feel he is good enough yet to show

anything in that medium. The El Cerrito Art Association was founded by Barbara Brendlinger more than 26 years ago, with just a handful of members. It has grown to more than 80 members from all over the Bay Area.

Bixby and Stong are both fairly new to the association, but are already dedicated members. Chairing such a show is no easy job. But with their backgrounds in art and Bixby's experience in art show organization and presentation, they feel they are able to put on one of ECAA's better exhibits.

Stong is proud of the judges in each category, as well as the number of Bay Area artists who have already entered their works.

Stong has been visiting Joshua Tree National Park be-

cause his daughter lives in nearby San Diego. "The Joshua Tree is so beautiful, we keep going back and back."

Stong and wife, Sharon, have two children, daughter Johanna and son Nicholas. Johanna is the mother of their grandchildren, Adam and Zack, and son Nicholas, 21, a graduate of Southwestern Community College, is going to the University of San Diego this fall, majoring in business communications.

Kevin Stong was born in Rochester, N.Y., but grew up and went to school, "an all-boys prep school," in Southern California. He met the girl who became his wife at a teen dance when they were 13 and 14. They got engaged when he came up to the Bay Area to attend UC Berkeley.

They married in his third year of college "and my grades went up dramatically," he says.

Sharon now shares his work as his office manager. Stong spoke of some of his architectural work, including the new Honda buildings in El Cerrito, and the remodeling of the Souper Center in Richmond, which will make the dreams of many of us who have worked for and with it come true: a second story for emergency housing of homeless families.

Back to the art show: Most of the pieces on exhibit will be for sale during the show. The reception and award ceremony will take place on Friday, April 26, from 7 to 9 p.m. Champagne and hors d'oeuvres will be served. The exhibit will also be open on Saturday, April 27, from 12 noon to 5 p.m., and on



CLARA-RAE GRANGER
Community Fair

Sunday, April 28 from noon to 4 p.m.

All events are open to the public and admission is free. The show is sponsored by the El Cerrito Art Association, El Cerrito Community Division. It will be held at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane in El Cerrito.

Do you know people in groups in El Cerrito, Alameda County, who would like to write me at 555 Pierce St., 443, Albany, CA 94706, 510-525-4585. My e-mail: crganser@aol.com.

University Village redevelopment subject of joint city/UC meeting

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The city is taking a close look at plans to rebuild 26 acres of housing, retail and other uses for UC Berkeley graduate students and staff at a portion of University Village, at San Pablo and Buchanan avenues.

The university is drafting plans to replace 152 units of World War II-era housing. Part of the plan may include relocating the two-to-three acre Jackson Street ball fields to the Gill Tract on Buchanan Street, which is now used for university agricultural research.

"This is a significant project for city of Albany," said City Manager Beth Pollard. "UC Village comprises roughly one-sixth of the land area in our city and the Gill Tract has been undeveloped."

The university wants to create a mix of uses for the 26 acres of land, including retail development, campus rental housing for students and faculty, a community center, administrative offices, a day-care facility and recreational facilities and open space.

Residents will have a chance to say what they want to see in the plans at a public meeting between campus officials, the Al-

bany City Council and the city's planning and zoning commission taking place from 7 to 9:30 p.m., Monday, April 29 at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Avenue.

University planners will use the guidelines offered by residents and the city to come up with a plan that will be used to find development teams. The selected development team will be offered the right to negotiate a long-term ground lease of the 26-acre site.

"One of the next steps we're doing is asking development teams to do some proposals on how they would develop the property," said UC Berkeley senior planner Jeff Bond. "We want to give them (developers) some parameters to work with."

"This is an opportunity for Albany residents to hear the ideas that the university has for development of the village property that fronts San Pablo Avenue," added Pollard.

Among the issues the public will have a voice on is what to do with the two creeks that run through the site, the trees at the corner of San Pablo Avenue and Marin Street and the community room used by both village residents and others.

UC Berkeley acquired the en-

MEETING

WHAT: A joint meeting between UC Berkeley and the Albany City Council and planning and zoning commission to discuss the design parameters for the planned redevelopment of 26 acres of University property along San Pablo Avenue.

WHEN: 7 to 9:30 p.m., Monday, April 29

WHERE: Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.

INFORMATION: Call Jeff Bond at 510-643-6869 or go online at www.cp.berkeley.edu.

tire 77-acre village property in 1927 for agricultural research and the federal government took it over during World War II, and built housing there. A few years after the war, the campus got the property back from the government.

The campus rebuilt 392 housing units a few years ago and in a separate project, is planning to rebuild 1960's-era housing on the west side of the village as well.

Reach Alan Lopez at 510-243-3578 or at

Briefs

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she was a nurse for 26 years, including five years as a psychiatric nurse.

This is the last of the free workshops for this school year, co-sponsored by the El Cerrito High PTSA and West Contra Costa Adult Education. It is open to everyone. For more details, call 510-559-2660, ext. 205.

Children's Museum event fetes moms

BERKELEY — Celebrate Mom and the entire family at Habitat Children's Museum's annual pancake breakfast, prize-drawing and auction from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday May 11 at the Haas Clubhouse, on Strawberry Canyon, Berkeley.

Entertainment will include celebrity pancake flipper chef Narsai David, singer Tim Cain, Derique the Clown, a visit from a fire truck, and many more activities. There will also be a drawing for a trip to St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands and a silent auction that includes lots of family-oriented items, including a redwood playset, computer, gymnastics and karate classes, and a weekend at the Claremont Resort.

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Lions have set up containers at the Registrar, Community Center and Mechanics branch.

ALBANY PTA NEWS

Albany PTA Council

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Albany Middle School

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IMPROV

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Teachers and students say classes are a fun way to re-energize, and even build so-

work on learning the sort of thumb of improv that people make up these sto-

scenes as they do them," said Patterson, a teacher at Albany High School. "I think part of the reason students come back to improv is that they learn to use their own skills to help them in other areas of life."

In one game, three actors made up a scene in which the same lines were read in different settings, for example, in an opera, sit-com, romance or gangster movie.

In another game, lines were traded between two people who started every line with a subsequent letter of the alphabet, from A to Z.

Before nearly every game, the students shouted a countdown from five to one, like a rocket

hair below the person interviewing you," he said, adding that the class has helped people make friends, as well as help actors perform on the spot in auditions.

At the intermediate class Monday night, the students went through various improv games and exercise the likes of which people may have seen on the television show "Whose Line is It Anyway," a British import that airs on Comedy Central with an American version on ABC.

"Whose Line" has been good to us ... before people thought we were in some weird drama cult," said Dave Patterson.

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Before nearly every game, the students shouted a countdown from five to one, like a rocket

was about to blast off. Applause and laughter often followed.

"It's a pretty scary concept initially if you're not used to getting in front of people," Lisa Key, a 28-year-old Oakland resident. "It's scary in concept to do it, but once you get up there, it's not difficult and it's personally very rewarding."

Students have a variety of reasons for joining the class, from having an itch to act, to just wanting to do something new, different and fun.

Rob Skinea, a 36-year-old computer animator, was sent to an improv class in Los Angeles by his job and found he loved it.

"I guess it gives me the opportunity to say and do stupid stuff I do all day except in an environment where it's socially acceptable to do that," said Skinea. "It's kind of a release because I pretty much go there and say anything, do anything, and nothing is wrong."

"I'm pretty introverted in general and it's really made me bring out my extrovert," added Key, who gained an interest in improv after seeing it done live

and on television.

Though improv might seem unstructured, Dave Patterson said beginners have to learn a toolbox of improv techniques, genres and characters, before they can perform at an intermediate level.

"The beginning emphasizes the basics of improv like agreeing to the story other people are telling and being positive," he said. "When you're on-stage and people are looking at you, people tend to get kind of defensive and people deny what others are presenting."

Linda Patterson teaches the students how to create an environment as well as how to create a focus for the characters, what their hidden needs are, their emotional state and whether characters have particular quirks like an accent or a limp.

"A good improviser's job is to make everyone else look good on stage," said Linda Patterson. "If they do that, everything flies. No one improviser should be directing where the scene goes, it should happen layer by layer."

People who really get it may be invited to join the East Bay Improv performing group, which among other things, does one performance at 8 p.m. the first Saturday of the month at Albany's Cafe Eclectica, at 1309 Solano Avenue.

The classes and the performances will continue indefinitely, as long as it stays fun, which the

Tuesday night class seems to be.

"Grown-ups don't get a lot of opportunities to play and it lets you play with different people and different backgrounds," said Dave Patterson. "It's kind of therapeutic to go out there to be a knight, a cowboy and a villain — different characters in one night, it's kind of cathartic."

Earth

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"Instead of throwing stuff on the ground, they'll know to hold onto it and put it into the garbage can," Gonzalez said.

Smiling, the students appeared happy to pick up garbage and collect cans to recycle. What did they learn? "Recycle!" they called out, almost in unison.

About 10 members of the Friends of Five Creeks were also picking up trash and digging out weeds at El Cerrito creek, at the south end of the El Cerrito Plaza parking lot. The members are no strangers to the activity, as the group holds work parties at the creek about once a month.

Cindy, a member of Friends of Five Creeks, was sitting on the ground and filling several small bags with trash that she picked from a bush. The effort was made, simply "because it's here," she said.

"They're discovering as time goes on that maybe they (creeks) serve a useful purpose," she added, "that maybe concrete isn't the way the world ought to be."

Trying to keep their balance on the steep banks of the creek were Camille Peterson and Karen Dabrusin, who were using shovels to remove weeds and "non-native" plants from the area.

Native plants are beneficial, said Friends of Five Creeks president Susan Schwartz, because they "tend to encourage native animals and beneficial insects and tend not to need fertilization and

chemicals and not much water."

"I'm here because I just love the natural environment and I want to make it beautiful," said Dabrusin. "And I like to dig weeds, don't ask my why," she added with a laugh.

"The earth is marvelous and I just want to do a bit to take care of it," said Peterson.

For the second year in a row, a handful of people from New Life Church spent a few hours cleaning the grounds at Fairmont Elementary School. The project was a thank-you to the school for letting the church worship there on Sundays.

"We sort of see this as a way of not only doing community service but of being good stewards of the earth," said Laurel Morrison, a pastor at the New Life Church.

"It's not hard work, it's worthwhile," added new Fairmont principal Brenda Surges, who was on-site helping out, while church members were on their knees digging weeds and placing them in garbage bags.

El Cerrito Earth Day participants were treated to a city-sponsored barbecue lunch at the community center after the cleaning was done. The food was cooked by El Cerrito police and firemen and donated by businesses in the community, including Wienerschnitzel, Costco, Denny's Restaurant, Albertsons, Walgreens, Safeway, Young's Market, Cold Stone Creamery and more.

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CREEK

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and from the Plaza owner to do the creek project. City has also been working with landscape architect Wolf Mason Associates on landscaping and architectural designs, which have been reviewed by the city's recreation commission.

"The creek area will be wider; the stream channel will have a more natural meander as opposed

this summer and take about two months.

The project would include widening the creek and creating a different flow pattern so that it meanders instead of flowing in a straight line. The meander is intended to slow the water flow so that there's less erosion.

There will also be efforts to plant native plants and trees and remove the invasive non-native species.

"The creek area will be wider; the stream channel will have a more natural meander as opposed

to the ditch it is now," said Wolfe Mason president Sarah Tamblin. She added that the vegetation would be monitored and would be expected to be fully grown in three to five years.

In addition to the creek meandering, the city, in conjunction with Albany and Richmond, is working on creating a trail to run along the creek that would connect the Ohlone Greenway to the Bay Trail.

Along with the trail and creek work, creek advocates will be donating \$5,000 of labor and money to plant trees and other native

plant life along the banks. Members of the Friends of Five Creeks already hold several work days a year where they rid the areas of trash.

Explained Schwartz: "If you fix a place up and act like somebody cares, people will treat it differently." She wants to provide a role model to children, she said, so that they learn to be more friendly to the environment.

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CHAMBER

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in town, only grassy fields, flowers, meandering and a big sky. Locals share priceless memories from the old days. Want to see it? It's not too late! Call 435-1771.

are changing at the Chamber. Forty-five members have joined in the months alone. And not include companions that drifted from the chamber over for one reason or another have decided to re-

Albany Cinema, for example, haven't gone to a movie for a while, you things have changed. Besides showing the new films in the East Bay Cinema has under-

lift, the new manning things up, adding style to a theater of the few spots

New films that Hollywood not — could not — see. What could be more than taking a drive to see a wonderful "Amelie," followed by walk down the same boulevards of Al-

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This is Albany old and new ...

There are other changes at the Chamber, including the appointment of two new members to our board of directors. We are proud to announce the appointment of Denise Pinkston, a partner in TMG, Inc., formerly known as the Martin Group. Denise is a brilliant young woman with an ex-

traordinary background in business and community development.

We are also thrilled to announce the appointment of Roseanne Pontes, a representative of Waste Management. Roseanne and her company have played a crucial role in the planning and funding of our Spring Festival, "A Taste of Albany," and our Teen Video Game Tournament held last Saturday.

The Chamber still has five board seats to fill. Our nominating committee selected six outstanding candidates. This is the first contested election in many years. We urge members to carefully consider the quali-

fications of each candidate, and to vote. Be sure to mail your ballot to the Chamber before June 11!

For more information, call 510-525-1771, or e-mail us at: albanychamber@bigplanet.com

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Finally, a message from Ray Anderson, president of the Chamber: "I want to thank all the people who find the time and energy to volunteer in town, whether it be our interns, or others who are willing to give their time to the community. Without you, Albany would not be the wonderful town it is..."

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One who said yes was Grisman, a "picking buddy" who had already asked Evans to play banjo in the new ensemble he was assembling. That put Evans in nice company. Over the years the Marin-based Grisman been in bands or performed with Doc Watson, Jerry Garcia, Dolly Parton, Earl Scruggs, and Bonnie

For one thing, bluegrass, and/or what's known as "old time music" is hot right now, thanks largely to the success of the film "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" and

But with fairs, festivals and the outdoor show season already underway, "This is the busiest time of year for people who play our kind of music," said Evans. "This was the one day they could do it. So we gritted our teeth and

And they know the difference events such as this can make. Tonight's show is already at-



tracting people well beyond the again.

No harm in this again.


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"Basically the architecture of the pool itself is not up to current code as far as going from the shallow to the deep depths," said Samantha Keiman, a pool supervisor.


"We're excited, even though the pool will be closed for a substantial period of time, in the long run, the users and community will be happy with the project," she said.

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Section B

Weekly Home Sales Maintain your focus on the East Bay real estate scene [B2]

Open Home Guide See what's on sale in your neighborhood [B15]

An extraordinary new Mediterranean retreat in the Oakland hills

WELLS & BENNETT REALTORS

Set in an incredibly lush
canyon at 1280 Grand
Drive in Oakland, this magni-
ficent Mediterranean-style home of-
fers panoramic views of the Golden Gate
and San Francisco Bay. The
hillside home by Grand
Building Company captures
the essence of a style that is so
at home here in the East Bay.
Brochier of the Onyx
explains that his design
was "to utilize the un-
der lot and maximize the
presence with a wider but
lower house that also responds
to the natural topography. The
"steps" down the hill and pro-
cess to grade at the low-
level from the enormous flag-
stone. This series of terraces
visually anchor the
and eliminates the typical
visible on many hillside

The home is offered at
\$1,950,000.00 by Mary
Neuberger of Wells &
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invites you to come
experience this
exceptional property
this Sunday, from 2 to
4:30 p.m.

home. White oak hardwood floors,
rich cherry cabinetry, impressive
granite and stunning accented-mo-
osaic tile backsplashes enhance the
exceptional design details of the
home.

The stainless appliance pack-
age includes a 48-inch Thermador
commercial cooktop and double
oven with a 54-inch Thermador
commercial hood, a 48-inch Sub
Zero side-by-side refrigerator, and
two Bosch dishwashers.

The enormous custom cherry
and granite island has a built-in
prep sink with perfect proximity to
the stove. Gorgeous imported Ital-
ian light fixtures and plenty of re-
cessed lighting illuminate the room.

Luxury is defined in the master
bedroom suite of this home! Al-
though ample in size, the bedroom
itself is incredibly romantic. A lovely
cherry cabinet, ideal for concealing
a television set, sits above the re-
mote control fireplace with a hand-
crafted cherry surround. Double
French doors lead to an exquisite
private balcony enveloped in the
natural landscaping that includes
mature Coastal Live Oaks and Bay
Laurels. Even the closet of this suite
is opulent. Built-in custom wardrobe
separators, a many-tiered shoe rack

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NORTH BERKELEY \$1,300,000
This 1935 Edwin Lewis Snyder design, reminiscent
of an English manor house sits on a verdant
garden, complete with a lovely pond. The new
"kitchen" kitchen, wide-planked floors, beamed
ceilings, and attached garage are just a few of the
details found throughout the house. Miriam
Wilson



MONTCLAIR \$529,000
New Listing! Nestled in the trees is this fabulous
3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Beautiful hardwood
floors, new carpet, brick fireplace in living rm. and
walking distance to school & Montclair Village.
Dana Cohen

MONTCLAIR \$649,000
Sophisticated Contemporary! 3+ Bed, 2 bath with
large family room and office. Private serene setting
in wooded front yard surrounded with trees and
flowers. Master suite with sitting area and private
deck. Gourmet kitchen with separate eating area
and large deck for outdoor entertaining.
Susan Williams

ALBANY \$479,500
Comfort in Albany! 1105 Neilson St. Just listed
great 2 bedroom, 1 bath with formal dining room,
fireplace in living room, large kitchen, hardwood
floors, family room. Keith Tower



MONTCLAIR \$635,000
New Listing! Like new - 9 year old contemporary in
very private setting. Sumptuous master suite with
bath, den, sitting area and fireplace. Sunny living
room w/ fireplace. Open wood staircase. Level yard
area. Double garage w/ access. Hal Castle



ROCKRIDGE \$519,000
Upper Rockridge - Gardener's Delight! Just Listed!
Rare 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath charming traditional
with exquisite extra large level yard. Perfect for
entertaining, gardening, and family living.
Remodeled kitchen, hardwood floors, and walking
distance to school. Dana Cohen



OAKLAND \$599,000
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258 Santa Rosa Ave. Tom Nemeth



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deck & large private rear patio. 1,116 sq. ft.
Elevator. Lower unit. Gayle Tantau



OAKLAND \$565,000
Lovely one-level ranch style home on quiet cul-
desac, 3BD, 2BA plus family room, level out to patio
and yard. Mary Hanna



MONTCLAIR \$425,000
New Listing! Decorator Perfect! Great room w/
skylight, tiled fireplace, privacy deck. Renewed
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	5659 Merriewood Dr.	\$529,000	3BD/2BA	Open 2-4:30
	6245 Westover Drive.	\$425,000	2BD/1BA	Dana Cohen (510) 339-8900 x248
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Keeping in touch: online (and off)

Number 395 in a series of true experiences in real estate

Phoebe is a client who recently moved to San Diego. We have very much enjoyed knowing Phoebe, and we're having a fine time watching the house where she lived for more than 40 years being renewed.

Phoebe and I have conversed primarily by e-mail. For quite a time after we met, we wrote most every day, and we were chatty. Phoebe is a night owl who usually "talks" to me late at night, often including stories of her life.

Each morning I'd find a new letter from her telling about her children and grandchildren, jobs she'd held, gardening and craft projects she'd enjoyed over the years. She wrote about being widowed, about how she and her husband had come to buy a brand new house in El Cerrito in 1961.

We discussed business, the timing of her move, our plans for the house, and I told Phoebe about my garden and my kids.

Finally the day came for Phoebe to leave. Just before her computer was packed up, we e-mailed greetings to one another. We were out of touch for only a day before she wrote from a friend's computer apologizing for leaving the old house in a mess.

"My blessings go out to the cleaning crew," she said. But she was happy. She loved the sunshine and could hardly wait to move her things into her new house.

I wrote back saying how pleased we were to hear of her contentment

and told her not to worry, everything was under control. The cleaners had already been there, the painters were prepping surfaces, stripping old wallpaper before beginning to paint.

After the general inspection was done, I wrote to get Phoebe's permission to have some roof work done. And I described what was going on with her garden. Then we began to work on disclosures, sending back and forth a list of items we wanted to tell buyers about the house. "There is some minor cracking in cement walkways," Phoebe wrote.

"The oven clock no longer works," she added. I suggested that she put in something about improvements she had made. "Earthquake retrofit work was done in 1997," Phoebe replied.

The disclosure was completed in this way. Then we mailed Phoebe an original for her to sign. When I wrote that we needed progress checks for workmen, she immediately mailed them. Our e-mail communications were working splendidly.

Then we stopped hearing from Phoebe. For a day or so, it didn't seem too unusual that there was no word from our friend. After all, she was in the thick of unpacking, probably up to her neck in boxes and decisions. But by the third day with no word, I was concerned, maybe even a little miffed. I wrote asking how things were going, but didn't hear back.

"Where do you suppose Phoebe has gone?" I asked Anet on the

fourth or fifth day. "She's just busy," Anet, quite reasonably, assured me. That had to be true, and yet, each day I worried aloud to Anet. "Maybe she's simply moved on," I suggested. It's a new chapter in her life and she's busy living it. What's going on back in El Cerrito isn't as fascinating to her now as it was." Anet replied, "You could always call her, you know."

But I didn't call. Instead, I imagined what might be up with Phoebe. Each morning I'd look for a message, and when there still wasn't one, I'd bug Anet. "Do you think she's sick? Dead? Wouldn't someone tell us?" Anet stared at me. "Nothing is wrong with Phoebe," she said.

On about day 10, my fantasies jumped completely off the track. "How about this? What if Phoebe doesn't like San Diego? She got there and decided she doesn't want to live there after all. What if she's homesick and wants to come back? What if she never moved into her new house but instead stashed all her stuff in a warehouse somewhere? And now she's waiting until the house is all done up to move back in, and she doesn't know how to tell us?"

Anet found this hilarious. She laughed and laughed, then she said, "Well, she certainly wouldn't be the first seller who said 'My house looks so good now, I'm sorry I didn't do this work long ago.' But I think you can believe what Phoebe told you. She's quite happy in San Diego. I'm sure she has no plans to return."



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On a roll now, I said, "But I've read about situations where people hire everything done for them. They move into a house that has been completely renovated and furnished for them."

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I paused for a moment before accelerating. "I wonder if Phoebe will like the curtains the stager is putting up? And the new light fixtures?"

At that Anet couldn't stand it anymore. She picked up the phone and called. "Hi, Phoebe," she said. "Pat's really concerned about you. Are you OK?"

Well, of course, she was. Phoebe was fine. Relatives had been visiting, she'd been busy with them, and she'd been trying to make a dent in unpacking boxes. She loves her new place and, she told Anet, she was so sorry she'd been out of touch. She'd write soon.

"See," Anet said, hanging up the phone. "I told you."

Anet Tarpo and Pat Talbert are licensed real estate agents who specialize in single family houses. They also offer hourly real estate consulting and coaching. They can be reached by e-mail at patanet@lmi.net or by phone at 510-653-2050.

Using pressure-treated wood

THE CAREY BROTHERS

Q. JLB asks: I am planning on using pressure-treated landscape timbers for a raised vegetable garden. Others have told me that I need to be concerned about the chemicals that may leach out and affect the vegetables that I plan to eat. Should I be concerned? Thanks for your assistance.

A. It is our opinion that there would be a danger using pressure-treated wood to surround a garden. Pressure-treated lumber is injected with chemicals — the most common of which is copper chrome arsenate — that resist damage by moisture and pests.

There are several degrees of concentration of the chemical depending on the intended use of the wood. For example, fence posts that will be underground contain a

higher concentration of the poison than do fence boards that will not be used underground. However, the degree of concentration is academic when it comes to any possibility of ingesting the chemical. The companies that make pressure-treated wood will tell you that it is safe for deck surfaces and furniture. We disagree. Anywhere that a toddler who chews can easily gain access to pressure-treated wood, we feel, is cause for concern.

We think that pressure-treated lumber is superior to any other kind for use outside (deck framing — not the finished decking) or in contact with the earth or other regularly wet surfaces (retaining walls, foundation mudsill, and such). If it were our garden we would use plain wood. Cedar and redwood are good choices.

Retreat

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and a built-in cherry dresser with limestone top provide

The bath in the master bedroom is reminiscent of a true Romans spa. Tumbled marble mosaic tile work creates a "visual texture" that accents the French limestone of the floor, countertop and bath and shower enclosures. A marvelous verdant setting provides the backdrop for the deluxe whirlpool spa tub. The sumptuous two-person shower offers the bather several spray options including an overhead spray, body sprays and a hand-held wand.

A home office is located on the master bedroom level as is the entrance from the garage.

There are three extremely spacious and light-filled bedrooms the next level down; one ideal as a

guest or au-pair suite complete with its own full bath and a private entrance. The laundry room is also located on this level with a chute directly from the master bedroom closet. The home has been pre-wired with CAT 5 wiring, telephone, cable and satellite television with easy access to all systems through one communications terminals closet located on the secondary bedroom level.

The home terminates in a dramatic media/rumpus room with exposed beams, an accessory powder room, wet bar and French doors to a large sunny terrace. Thus, the home has a true "destination" at its lowest level that creates a second entertaining area, and provides the flexibility of living space to meet a variety of lifestyles.

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What your needs
before you buy

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home office, will a built-in desk in
the kitchen/family room suffice or
do you need a serious workspace
that's away from the rest of the fa-
mily activities?

If you have young children, you
may prefer to have the children's
bedrooms close to your own. How-
ever, if you have teenage children
who thrive on rock music and video
games, you may want the master
suite located as far away as possi-
ble from the other bedrooms.

House Hunting Tip: Some buyers
find it useful to sketch the floor
plan of a home they're interested
in buying. Builders of new homes
often have floor plan sketches avail-
able in their sales offices. It also
helps to make a list of everything
you need and want in a home. This
should include not only the num-
ber of bedrooms and baths, but
also your special use requirements,

such as a formal dining room for
corporate dinners or an extra space
for your exercise equipment.

Some floor plans are better than
others. A desirable layout is one
with a central hallway that serves
as a hub for other rooms. The cen-
tral hall plan allows for a good cir-
culation or flow of traffic from one
area of the house to another. Less
desirable is a floor plan with a maze
of rooms laid out like train. You can't
get to one room without walking
through another room. This layout
is not conducive to good traffic flow
and usually results in an inefficient
use of space.

A good floor plan will have a mix
of public and private spaces,
preferably with a nice separation
between the two. Ideally, your fa-
mily room won't be located right next
to the bedrooms. If you and your
partner both need home offices,
and he's messy but you're a neat
freak, your offices should be in two
separate rooms.

Other desirable floor plan fea-
tures include: plenty of storage
space; an attached garage that



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House Hunting

opens level in to the kitchen; easy
access to the yard; a conveniently
located laundry room; three or four
bedrooms on one level; a bathroom
on each level; a master bedroom
with its own bath.

The Closing: After carefully an-
alyzing your housing needs, take
another walk-through of a home
you're seriously thinking of buying.
Carefully consider how you'll use
the space in the house. Also, de-
termine if there are any glaring de-
ficiencies in the floor plan in terms
of your personal housing needs.

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How credit scoring works

When credit scoring was first introduced over five years ago, mortgage lenders were skeptical of its reliability. Although the computer models were developed from almost 30 years of records on how people paid their mortgages through the treasure trove of information compiled by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, change comes hard.

For years, when reviewing the credit-worthiness of a borrower, an underwriter would make a subjective decision based on piles of paperwork that documented that person's past payment history, income and a review of their assets and current liabilities.

However, people argued that the process was much too subjective and biased against race, sex and even neighborhood areas. Both Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac challenged the three credit reporting repositories to come up with a scoring method based on Fannie and Freddie's information and models.

Our own Northern California agency, Fair Isaac & Co. Inc., took a closer look and studied the relationship between mortgage delinquencies and credit score.

Using sophisticated computer models and metrics, Fair Isaac discovered a distinct relationship between credit worthiness and credit scores.

On their scoring model which they call the FICO, they found



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Mortgage Madness

that almost 50 percent of those borrowers with FICO scores below 550 became 90 days delinquent at least once during their mortgage. On the other hand, only two out of every 10,000 borrowers with FICO scores above 800 became delinquent.

Scores range from 365 to 850. (Until this latest research, the best score had ever seen was an 850, but I did not know that this was a "perfect" score.) Each credit-reporting bureau has a different name for their scores.

Through out this column I will refer to credit scores as a FICO (standing for Fair Isaac & Co) which is Experian's (formerly TRW) name for credit scores.

Equifax calls the score a Beacon score and TransUnion calls theirs an Empirica score. Most mortgage lenders want to see all three scores and base their decision on the middle score or they will use the lower of two scores.

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A look around the real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries.

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Do It Yourself

The Building Education Center in Berkeley provides ongoing classes, lectures and events for the experienced and those new to remodeling and renovation. There are evening classes on weekdays and daytime classes on the weekends. For information on classes and costs call the center. Contact **Sydney** at 510-525-7610 or visit the Web site at bldgeducr.org.

Lecture Series For Everyone

From architecture to windows, the Alameda Museum provides lectures for everyone who loves homes. The slide lectures are narrated by prominent Bay Area authors and historians. The museum is located on Alameda Avenue near Park Street in Alameda. The series continues through June, Thursday, May 30 is the date of the next lecture in the series. Watch this column for more details or call 510-748-0796 for information.

Inform Meeting in Alameda

The public is always welcome at the Inform Meeting. The Inform is sponsored by the Alameda As-

sociation of Realtors. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting begins at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 14. The location is the Garden Isle Community Center on Melrose Avenue in Alameda. The focus of each meeting is an invited speaker and the discussion of important real estate, economic and community concerns. The Inform is dedicated to helping Realtors stay informed about the real estate market, the community and issues that affect the economy. Agents are encouraged to bring information on new listings for presentation to the group. For more information contact **Remy Boyd** at 510-523-7229.

First Time Buyer Workshop

A free first time buyer informational workshop is offered by Loan Consultant, **George Johnson** of Ameristar Financial. The workshop is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 27. The Ameristar office, on Sycamore Valley Road in Danville is the location. Featured topics are zero percent down payment, FHA and conventional loans. Johnson will offer information on affordable properties. You must RSVP by April 20. Call Johnson at 925-984-3443.

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The Alameda, Berkeley, Oakland and Bay East Associations of Realtors are planning a five day event, Tech Faire 2002. The fair is scheduled for May 1 through May 3. There will be training for real estate professionals, with the focus on technology tools and computer training. The Fair concludes on May 3, with a vendor trade show. For more details call AAR at 510-523-7229, BAR at 510-848-4288, OAR at 510-836-3000 or Bay East at 925-730-4066.

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Planning on remodeling? Think GREEN! This Continuing Education Workshop will train attendees on how to lower their utility bills, minimize construction related waste and use healthier building materials. The workshop is Thursday, April 30, from 6 to 7 p.m. It will be held at the Offices of the AIA East Bay on



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Credit Worrior

Clay Street in Oakland. The tutor is Architect **Jason Kaldis Architects**. Each attendee receives a copy of *Residential Building Guidelines*, on how to model home in an environmentally sound manner. The *Residential Showcase* will be available for participants to visit. The Showcase is a 28-foot trailer with production information for contractors and owners. The Alameda Waste Management Authority AIA East Bay are the sponsors of this event. For questions and fee details contact AIA East Bay at 510-464-3600 or aiaeb@aia.org.

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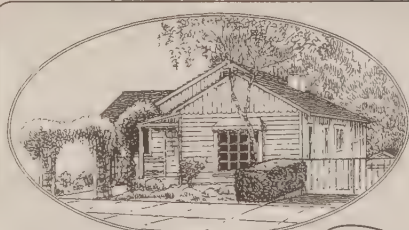


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The following factors affect your credit scores:

- Delinquencies - the number, severity, the patterns.
- No recent credit card balances. (This is a good thing if the card shows a history and are still open. That is why it is not a good idea to close credit card accounts too many recent credit inquiries.)
- Too many revolving accounts.
- Too many revolving accounts. Each of these categories is assigned a point value with some revolving more important than others.
- The most important are those revolving how the borrower has managed their credit for the last 24 months and just how much credit they use.
- Unfortunately, the creditors and lenders who view your credit report

do not get to review the scorecard that generates the score but we do get the list of reasons that affected the score and can at least draw some educated conclusions.

Basic guidelines for grading scores will vary somewhat from lender to lender. But usually, a score of 680 and above will require only a basic review of the loan package by an underwriter. Scores between 640 and 660 can still be considered for better interest rates but will require much more thorough underwriting. Scores below 640 will require the underwriter to review the application with caution and once below 620 most lenders will consider the borrower as a sub-prime candidate who will be underwritten under a completely different set of criteria and at substantially higher interest rates.

Just about a year and a half ago, after pressure from legislatures and consumer groups (and even a law forcing credit reporting bureaus to reveal the secrets behind credit scoring), Fair Isaac launched myfico.com, a Web site that gives consumers access to their personal FICO scores.

For a fee of \$12.95, a consumer gets 30 days of on-line access to his FICO report. Reports are that over 1 million consumers have used this service since it was introduced in November 2000. However, one reader of this column e-mailed that "Initially it was like pulling teeth,

painful and tedious, to get them to just give me my credit score" and that it took longer than the 30 days allotted time.

The FICO score can affect more than whether your loan is approved or not. In some cases it can make the interest rate more affordable. We have some lenders who will reward a borrower whose FICO is over 780 with a .375 percent of one point (1 point is 1 percent of the loan amount) reduction in the cost of the "base interest rate".

At 750 the borrower saves .25 percent and at 720 the savings is .125 percent.

There are other lenders who do it in reverse. They establish the base rate assuming a minimum score of 720 and instead of reducing costs for good FICO scores they "add-on" costs for lower scores.

It is important when shopping rates to ask the question - is this quote based on credit scores? And, considering the weighty nature of the scoring process, it would be a nice idea to know where you stand on this on the scale of Mortgage Madness.

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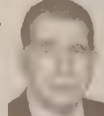
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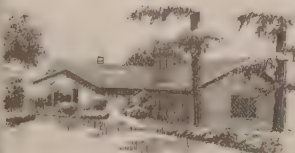
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2532 Treasider Wy - \$251,500
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LOWEST PRICE: \$380,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$750,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$464,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$501,000

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$250,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$550,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$386,000

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TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST PRICE: \$432,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,080,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$793,400

CLIFTON

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$286,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$410,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$350,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$348,83

DUBLIN

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$241,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 72
LOWEST PRICE: \$109,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,200,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$319,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$386,924

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$564,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,000,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$782,000

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 19
LOWEST PRICE: \$189,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$473,500
MEDIAN PRICE: \$251,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$276,921

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TOTAL SALES: 16
LOWEST PRICE: \$240,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$570,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$382,031

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST PRICE: \$288,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$360,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$291,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$312,857

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Warding off sewer gas odors

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

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821 Lee Avenue, San Leandro

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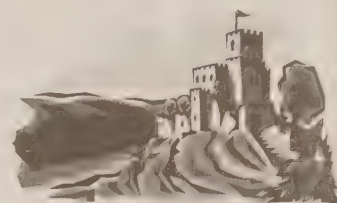
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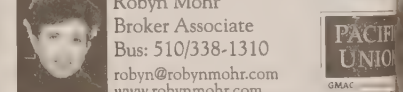


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Albany - \$429,000
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RIDGEMONT \$1,395,000
13470 CAMPUS DR. (Open 2-5)
3-acre estate w/gated, private drive.
4BR/3.5BA, library, family room, rec room &
more. Don't miss this opportunity to own
your own park! Vicki Woodhead x1334

MONTCLAIR \$1,300,000
8191 VIRGO RD. (Open 2-4:30)
Price reduced! Wonderful Mediterranean w/
fabulous SF. Golden Gate, Bay Bridge view.
Built by Jeff Armstrong, lots of built-ins &
lots of extras. 4BR/3.5BA, 3 fireplaces, fully
equipped gym. Francis Heath x1357



MONTCLAIR \$1,249,000
675 SWAINLAND RD. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! 6-year old Mediterranean w/
stunning views of SF & GG bridge. Open
kitchen w/4BR/5BA, formal dining, gourmet
kitchen & level-in charming courtyard.
Dee Knowland x1318

PIEDMONT \$939,000
1410 NOVA DRIVE (Open 2-4:30)
Charming & elegant 4+BR/2BA
home with family room w/fireplace. Debi
Harrell x1306

PIEDMONT PINES \$859,000
6750 SCOT DRIVE (Open 2-4:30)
SF & Main views from this remodeled
home. 4BR/4BA, formal dining, master
suite w/rumpus rm w/separate entrance (in-
teresting potential) make this a special home.
Ann Nichols x1319

MONTCLAIR \$749,000
1710 HEMLOCK STREET (Open 2-4:30)
Stunning Spanish home w/stunning Bay
views, formal dining & huge master suite.
World charm w/modern amenities.
4BR/3BA. Joanna Hirsch x1366



BERKELEY \$745,000
100 GRIZZLY PEAK BLVD. (Open 2-5)
Stunning! Mid-century Modern, artfully
restored. Huge decks & views, deep lot. 2BR/
1.5BA. den w/lp + writers' cottage + legal in-
come. Glen Erick x1339

RIDGEMONT \$729,000
14871 CAMPUS DRIVE (Open 2-4:30)
4BR/3.5BA home on approx. one-third acre
surrounding scenic Regional Park. Soaring ce-
lled master, spacious kitchen/farm rm
+ Bay vistas. Robyn Mohr x1310

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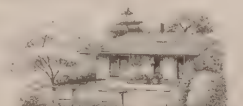
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OAKLAND \$719,000
1080 SILER PLACE (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Spacious 1993 home in beau-
tiful private garden setting. 3BR/2BA, lovely
spacious living/dining combo, hardwood
floors. Near Claremont Hotel. Dee
Knowland x1318

PIEDMONT \$699,000
306 RAMONA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Charming 1-level living. 3BR/2BA, formal
dining, large family room & home office or
studio. 2-car garage. Wendy Gardner x1303



MONTCLAIR \$679,000
6641 GLEN OAKS WAY (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Spacious & light 3BR/2.5BA
contemporary w/fabulous SF Bay views.
Spacious kitchen, master suite w/fireplace
& family room. Decks & yard w/fruit trees.
Donna Costella x1355



MONTCLAIR \$619,000
131 PINE HILLS LANE (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Dramatic SF/GG/Canyon view.
Close to Regional Park w/4BR/2BA includ-
ing master suite w/beautiful views & sepa-
rate den or sitting room. Updated kitchen/
family room. Robyn Mohr x1310

BERKELEY \$585,000
1729 6TH STREET (Open 2-4)
Stylish 2 yr. old home. Architectural beauty,
artistic colors. Gourmet kitchen/family rm.
Near 4th St. shops. 2BR/2BA. Sophisticated!
Nancy Noman x1373

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SAN LEANDRO \$525,000
821 LEE AVE. (Open 1-4)
New Listing! Lovely European-styled 3BR/
2BA home in Estudillo Estates. Elegant
formal rooms & fine architectural details.
Updated kitchen. Family room w/French
doors to garden. Candy Benny x1328



GLENVIEW \$515,000
4671 BENEVIDES AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Fabulous 3BR bungalow.
Beautifully remodeled kit & bath. Sunny
living room w/vintage fireplace. Formal din-
ing room, excellent yard. Lorri Araz x1330

MONTCLAIR \$499,000
6991 THORNHILL DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Level-in 3BR/2BA 1950's contemporary plus
1BR/1BA au-pair. Living room w/vaulted
ceiling & fireplace, open kit/dining rm. Sunny
fenced front yard. Joanna Gould x1346

TEMESCAL \$489,000
4412-14 WEBSTER ST. (Open 2-4:30)
Spacious 2BR/1BA owner's unit w/wonder-
ful craftsman details. Plus a sunny & bright
1BR/1BA unit. Garden, garage & excellent
storage. Teri Carlisle x1305

MONTCLAIR \$479,000
2233 PELHAM PL. (Open 2-4:30)
Dramatic 4BR/2BA contemporary on
secluded cul-de-sac. Bright & airy w/open
beam cathedral ceilings. Hardwood floors,
updated kitchen, 2-car garage & canyon
vistas. Chuck Corwin x1353

LAUREL \$449,000
4050 LAUREL AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Charming all level 3BR/2BA. Gracious
living room, formal dining, updated
kitchen. Private level yard. Sunny &
quiet. Wendy Sprague x1340

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PIEDMONT AVE. \$379,000
3557 KEMPTON WAY (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Cute updated 2BR/2BA
home w/hardwood floors, formal din-
ing w/built-ins & terraced garden. Close
to Piedmont Avenue shops & freeway
access. Kathy Flynn x1317

LAUREL \$359,000
3664 LILY STREET (Open 2-4:30)
Charming Spanish Mediterranean w/SF
& Bay views. Spacious kitchen, formal
dining & family room. Level rear yard.
Lovely maintained. 2BR/1+BA. Diane
Earl McCan x1352



PIEDMONT \$2,850,000
Classic craftsman on approximately 1/3
acre in central Piedmont. 5BR/3+BA,
stunning kitchen/family room opens to
English gardens. Quality renovation.
Georgia Cornell x1325

CLAREMONT \$1,425,000
One of a kind! Classic 1993 Colonial pre-
serves the spirit of the original 1922
home. Exceptional quality & detailing.
4BR/3BA, SF & GG views, terraced
gardens. Leslie Easterday x1363

By Appointment

PIEDMONT \$1,350,000
Stylish, dramatic mid-century design.
Expansive SF/bay views, 3+BR/3BA,
rumpus room. Georgia Cornell x1325



MONTCLAIR \$1,295,000
French Normandy surrounded by beautiful
gardens on nearly 1/2 acre lot rarely found
in Montclair. 4BR/5BA w/'ballroom', turret
rm, custom kit, & bay views. Close to parks
& trails. Donna Costella x1355

OAKLAND HILLS \$1,110,000
Smashing new 3+BR/2.5BA contemporary Med-
iteranean designed by architect Richard
Janzen. Chef's kit/farm rm combo, & lovely
entry courtyard. Dee Knowland x1318

LAKE MERRITT \$759,000
Dramatic luxury condominium w/bay
& lake views. 2BR/2BA. Like living on a
chic cloud w/all the amenities. Sandi
Klemmer x1314 & Dick Cohen x1308

OAKLAND \$579,000
New Listing! A majestic Queen Anne Vic-
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scaped lot. 4BR/1.5BA, grand foyer, parlor,
gorgeous detailing. Minutes from Jack Lon-
don Square. Joan Hause x1358



LOWER OAKMORE \$449,000
2+BR/1+BA charming updated
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kitchen. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

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LAUREL \$299,000
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shopping & transportation. Charlotte
Boyle x1370 & Helen Danhaki x1356

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1280 GRAND VIEW, OAKLAND \$1,950,000

Absolutely stunning new Mediterranean retreat in an extraordinary setting with Golden Gate views. 4+BD/3++BA, huge media/rumpus room, wine cellar, phenomenal kitchen & master bedroom. Exquisite finishes, romantic colors, superb craftsmanship.

Mary Neuberger 531-7000x251 or 530-4148



5901 PINWOOD RD., OAKLAND \$1,200,000

2nd Open! This new traditional is designed for large entertaining. Your guests mingle from the gourmet kitchen/family room down the central hall to the formal dining, living room & study. 4BD/2++BA.

Noll Davis 531-7000x263



39 WINDWARD HILL, OAKLAND \$680,000

New Listing! Immaculate townhome in Hiller Highlands. End unit with some S.F. & Bay views. 3BD/2.5BA and versatile loft-office.

Wendy Callaghan 531-7000x237



2 MELVIN COURT, OAKLAND \$575,000

Upper Oakmore contemporary, beautiful Bay 3BD/2BA family/rumpus room, 2-car attached decks, double pane windows, hot tub!

Don Dunning 531-7000



3779 PARK BLVD. WAY, OAKLAND \$525,000

Stylish home with traditional details, kitchen with cooking island, 3BD/1BA in main house. Separate entrance leads to office, family room, and full bath. Glenview convenience & Crocker Highlands Elementary School.

Carol Robbiano 531-7000x292



3907 EVERETT AVENUE, OAKLAND \$499,000

NEW LISTING! Enchanting 3BD/1.5BA home in desirable Glenview neighborhood. Lovingly remodeled including new designer kitchen & baths. Rumpus room opens to fabulous garden & decks. Convenient to shops, restaurants & transportation.

Nancy or Chris 531-7000x254



1612 EAST 38TH STREET, OAKLAND \$429,000

Stylish urban retreat! 1920's Mediterranean with beautiful architectural detail. Romantic, private garden. 2+bedrooms, 1 bath. Walk to Glenview shops, restaurants, express bus to S.F.

Peter Nicolopoulos 531-7000x248 or 339-9780



3829 MADRONE, OAKLAND \$299,000

Delightful 2BD cottage located in a beautiful neighborhood, beautifully remodeled only 6 years old offers lovely views of San Francisco & the bay. Backyard is a gardener's delight. Walk to the park & Laurel Village.

Heidi Tuggle 531-7000x286 or 531-7000

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WALK TO CAMPOLINDO HIGH \$775,000

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4BD/2BA in wonderful neighborhood. Elegant formal living & dining rooms, partial bay view. Sunny level yard & patio.

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CHARMING MAXWELL PARK STARTER, OAKLAND \$299,000

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Downslope lot in area of Million 5 plus new construction. Soils, survey reports included.
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APP UPDATES
Associated Real Property Brokers should mark these dates on their calendars. April 27 is the deadline for the 2002 Annual Golf Tournament. To find out more visit the Web site at www.ARPB.org.

EDUCATION AT OAR

■ Time to renew! Earn all 45 hours continuing education in only one-half day with the Oakland Association of Realtors. The seminar is from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Friday, May 7, at the OAR Building, on Webster Street in Oakland. Topics include Ethics, Agency, Fair Housing and Trust Funds, with legal and marketing updates. Tuition includes home study materials.

■ "Innovative Marketing Techniques for Buyer's Reps" is scheduled for Friday, June 14. Learn the marketing techniques of the experts, how to generate leads and attract new prospects. This seminar offers six hours of Consumer Protection Credit. Watch this column for more details.

■ The Accredited Buyer Representative (ABR) Basic Designation Course is coming to OAR. Earn this

designation in a two day seminar scheduled on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 25 and 26. Tuition includes the first year dues for membership in REBAC. More details to come.

■ Tuition and attendance information for all OAR educational programs should be addressed to Mary Williams of the OAR office at 510-836-3000.

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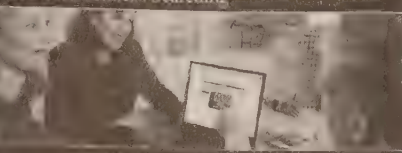
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46 Benevides. Glenview area. Tastefully remodeled on sunny cul-de-sac. 3BR/2BA

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Deluxe Bungalow \$499,000
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Maxwell Park \$259,000
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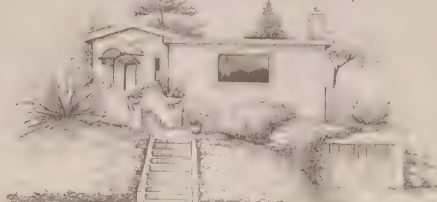
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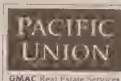
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Sunny & bright, this beautifully maintained 3 bedroom charmer boasts tastefully remodeled kitchen & bath and a darling yard with super deck. Located at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac, it is convenient to the Glenview neighborhood's shops and cafes, as well as the verdant Sausal Creek and Dimond Park. Offered at \$515,000



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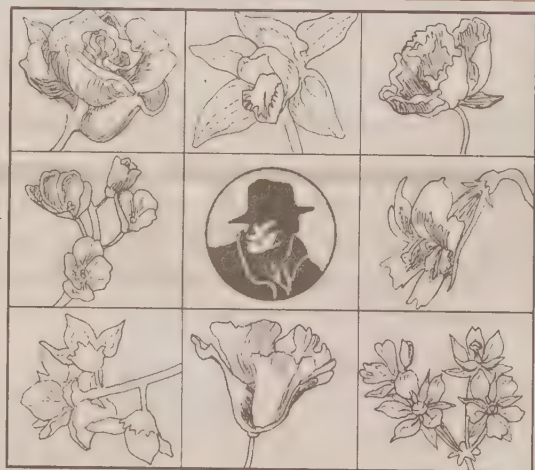


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OAR AND ORAL LEE

The Oakland Association of Realtors continues to help support the Oral Lee Brown Foundation. The foundation provides college scholarship funds for Oakland high school students. OAR formed a committee to create an easy way for Realtors to contribute. Real estate agents and brokers are invited to designate contributions, at the close of escrow, for a special fund. This year's Chairperson is **Lois Harris** of Prudential California Realty. Donations are now being accepted. To find out more contact Harris at 510-287-2521.

GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARDS

Realtor Magazine is seeking nominations for its third annual Good Neighbor Awards. The program recognizes Realtors whose commitment to community service has helped make their community a better place. Five winners will be announced in the magazine and honored at the 2002 Realtors Conference & Expo in New Orleans. Award entries must be received by May 1. Call 800-874-6500.

MORTGAGE INDUSTRY

CARL Golf Outing

The California Association of Residential Lenders announced it's sign up time for the 15th Annual East Bay CARL Golf Tournament. Watch this column for more details on this sell out event or call Frank Monaco, Jr. of Consumer Home Loans at 925-833-9066.

Breakfast Club

Join the lively Wednesday Morning Breakfast Meetings, presented by the California Association of Residential Lenders (CARL). Meetings are held every Wednesday at American Title in Walnut Creek on Olympic boulevard. Start time is 8:15 a.m. sharp. Breakfast refreshments are served. Need info? Want to recommend a speaker? Call **Pat Johnson** of TRI Commercial Real Estate Services at 925-296-3300.

WHO'S ON FIRST?

■ Office Manager **Charlotte Martinez** of the Chicago Title Montclair Branch announces a new addition. With twenty years in the business, **Anna Lew** joins the Chicago Title team. To say welcome aboard call Lew at 510-987-7177.

■ **Denise Sonnier** of Home Equity Link is the 2002 Vice President of the Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter. If you would like to join WCR call Sonnier at 510-521-7844.

■ Someone new at your company? Something special your company is doing? Changing locations? Putting on a seminar? Let me know. I'd love to let the world know. All my contact info is listed below.

WHAT'S UP DOC??

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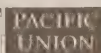
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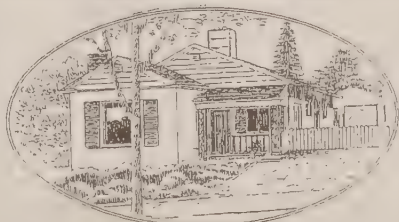
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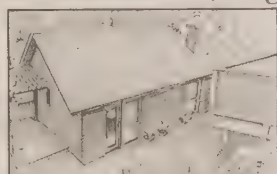
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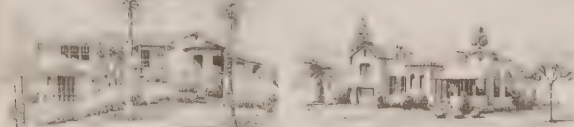
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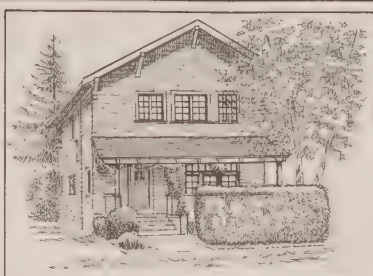


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Sunday 1-4. Totally remodeled after fire. 4BR/3BA, Family room w/FP, living room w/FP, formal dining, eat-in kitchen, level yard, new roof.
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6176 VALLEY VIEW, MONTCLAIR.....\$449,000
Sunday 1-4:30. 3BR/2BA, light, bright, fully updated, granite, HWF, 2-car garage, decks, wooded/hills view close to Montclair Village.
Victor Ratto510.339.4700

2845 MORGAN AVENUE.....\$389,000
Sunday 2-5. Lincoln Heights starter! 2BR/1BA one-level Spanish, charming '20s vintage. HWF, FP, built-ins, unspoiled integrity & great deck & yard.
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3712 NEVIL STREET.....\$279,950
Sunday 1-4. Home Sweet Home! Charming Bungalow, 2BR/1BA, traditional moldings, wood floors, remodeled kitchen, breakfast nook, large sunny fenced yard.
Vicky Falk510.339.4700

3615 RHODA AVE. #3, DOWNTOWN.....\$250,000
Sunday 2-4:30. 2BR/1.5BA, 2-story condo. Fireplace in living room, patio, landscaped courtyard, minutes to shops, restaurants. A gem!
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CHARMING 4BR/2BA.....\$659,000
Remodeled Craftsman w/family room & fabulous yard - a gardener's delight. Family room opens to yard. Formal dining room w/built-ins Great North Berkeley location
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LAKE MERRITT LUXURY.....\$589,000
Lakeview condo in prestige building: hardwood floors, fireplace, formal dining room, new recessed lighting, old world charm
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MONTCLAIR.....\$379,000
Piedmont Pines home serenely sited on cul-de-sac w/level yard, Bay & bridge views, country kitchen, formal living, RR, 3BR/2BA, workshop, Del Orr
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CRESTMONT.....\$525,000
Entertain in style! Wonderful light-filled home, 3BR/2BA, SF/GG Bridge view, updated kitchen, luxurious master suite, lovely outdoors.
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ROCKRIDGE.....\$525,000
6BR/3BA. Rockridge floor opportunity! Use as duplex or large home. Very spacious "as-is" estate sale - needs work. FP, bsmt, garage, nice yard.
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LINCOLN HEIGHTS.....\$474,000
Vu home! Split-level, gorgeous level yard, 2 BR/2BA, level yard, HWF, FP, family room.
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CRAFTSMAN CHARMER.....\$525,000
Light & cheerful w/lovely archit. details & good floor plan. Great location near Gourmet Ghetto. 4BR/2BA w/detached garage/workshop
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NORTH OAKLAND.....\$349,000
Compact, updated 4BR/2BA jewel in move-in condition, tree-lined st. above Telegraph, 8 blocks from Rockridge BART
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BERKELEY.....\$339,000
Darling 1BR/1BA home, wood floors throughout, garage converted to office. Fabulous Berkeley location: walk to Whole Foods.
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MAXWELL PARK.....\$339,000
Traditional 2+BR/1.5BA + converted garage, HWF, formal living/dining, FP, updated kitchen, level yard, enclosed patio, hills view
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CONDO BEAUTY.....\$299,000
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LOTS

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Preferably in Berkeley Hills & Thousand Oaks area. 4BR/2BA home up to \$700,000. Please call Kim & Barbara Marienthal, 510.981.3036

Light-filled Contemporary in Berkeley. 3BR/2BA plus garden. Up to \$1,000,000. Please call Nadine Oel, 510.981.3033.

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Rockridge or No. Berkeley. 2BR or more, Craftsman or classic bungalow up to \$500,000. Please call Bobbie Giarratana, 510.981.3031.

13811 CAMPUS DRIVE.....\$1,250,000
Sunday 2-5. Rare 4BR/3BA, large lot, basketball court, view, entertainment room, waterfall, Jacuzzi, plus many extras.
Joan Alford/Karen Lum510.339.4700

1421-25 ALCATRAZ, BERKELEY.....\$699,000
Sunday 2-4:30. Wonderful Queen Anne on tree-lined street w/view of the Bay & Mt. Tam. Three large units; owner's unit remodeled, new foundation & roof, large back yard.
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5359 SHATTUCK.....\$609,000
Sunday 2-5. 3BR/1BA + au pair w/bath + workshop + garage + formal living & dining & gourmet kitchen.
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3217 WISCONSIN ST., LAUREL.....\$499,000
Sunday 1-4. 30's vintage like new! Graceful elegance. 2BR/2BA state-of-the-art kitchen (farm rm., office, garage, deckyard)
Rachel Balter510.339.4700

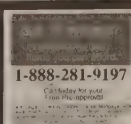
1801 BRENTWOOD RD., OAKMORE.....\$489,000
Sunday 1-4. Large 2BR/1BA Contemporary wife-law, decks, trees in lovely, tranquil setting and nice neighborhood.
Jeffrey Neideman510.339.4700

3929 ARDLEY AVE., GLENVIEW.....\$449,000
Sunday 1-4. California Bungalow 2+BR/2BA, remodeled kitchen, formal dining room, hardwood floors, level yard.
Jon Dunn510.339.4700

1217 CORNELL, BERKELEY.....\$379,000
Sunday 2-4:30. Cute Brown Shingle Bungalow. Great starter home w/2BR/1BA, professionally landscaped, walk to Gilman St. shops.
Becky Andersen510.339.4700

1708 INDIAN WAY, MONTCLAIR.....\$349,000
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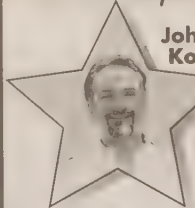
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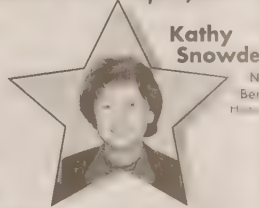
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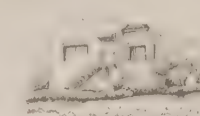
Piedmont - Open Sunday 2-4:30 P.M.




221 MOUNTAIN AVENUE \$2,150,000
Grand traditional in the heart of Piedmont, lovingly restored. Beautiful woods, remodeled kitchen & master bath. Sensational Bay views. Near schools. Anian Pettit Tunney



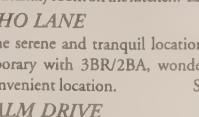
111 WILDWOOD GRDNS \$1,325,000
Enjoy the tranquil seclusion of this lovely mid-century home. Sited on over one half an acre w/3BR, large formal rooms & a family room off the kitchen. Elizabeth Dickson



110 OLIVE AVENUE \$675,000
Sunny Piedmont home surrounded by a spacious, sunny garden. Huge basement with workshop and office. Two car garage w/ample storage. Susanne Paul

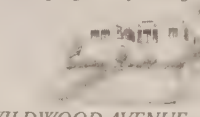


104 HAZEL LANE \$1,395,000
Live on one of Piedmont's most sought after locations. Enjoy perfection and light including magical gardens & great floor plan w/5BR upstairs. Michelle Winchester



20 ECHO LANE \$585,000
Enjoy the serene and tranquil location of this stylish contemporary with 3BR/2BA, wonderful Bay views and a convenient location. Sheila Gallagher

239 PALM DRIVE \$799,000
Fabulous Piedmont traditional just steps away from Wildwood School. 3+BR/1+BA, level gardens. Sunny & bright eat-in kitchen w/new appliances. Debbi DiMaggio



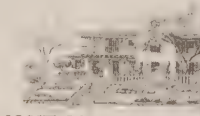
114 WILDWOOD AVENUE \$539,000
This sunny and comfortable 2BR traditional home with spacious garden and hill views is located in a desirable & convenient neighborhood. Sheila Gallagher

Piedmont - By Appointment

PIEDMONT MANSION \$2,950,000
Stately Regency Revival mansion - meticulously renovated. 6BR/4.5BA, modern kitchen, family room, large terraces on 2 levels w/sweeping Bay views. Nancy Lehrkind


CLASSIC IN DESIGN \$1,750,000
This English style home exemplifies quality. It has been lovingly maintained & enhanced by a sophisticated decor. 4+BR/3BA. studio, nario & garden Mindy Scott

BROWN SHINGLED BEAUTY \$949,000
Well-maintained brown shingle beauty updated eat-in-kit, FDR, LR, 4BR, 2+BA. Wonderful attic FR, lovely rear deck & garden garage. Karen Starr




PIEDMONT COLONIAL \$1,985,000
This home has it all...gracious formal rooms, classic details, traditional floor plan, city views, level out garden plus adjoining park. Mindy Scott

MEDITERRANEAN \$1,935,000
Mediterranean showcase w/expansive gardens, European kitchen & sumptuous master retreat. The perfect place for a distinctive life-style. Sandra Vogl



WILDWOOD \$1,395,000
This light-filled elegant home offers privacy and style. 4BR/4BA with lovely gardens and a very inviting central brick courtyard. Connie Rogers


PIEDMONT 4-PLEX \$949,000
Rare opportunity - brown shingle 4-plex in one of the East Bay's most sought after neighborhoods. Close to schools, shopping & entertainment. Mavis Delacroix




PIEDMONT CRAFTSMAN \$619,000
Craftsman detailing w/updated kitchen & baths. Grand dining w/leaded glass. 2+BR/1+BA. Level access to garden. Near Dracena Park. Linda McClain

GREAT LOCATION \$519,000
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Berkeley - Open Sunday 2-4:30



85 GRAVATT DRIVE \$2,250,000
Open 2-4:30 & 6-8. World class new Mediterranean w/4 bridge view. Open, airy, flexible entertaining spaces. Large terraces & level garden. 4+BR/4+BA. Ron Eggherman & Debra J. Dryden



135 ALVARADO AVENUE \$899,000
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705 ARLINGTON AVENUE \$825,000
Coveted private park membership makes this beautiful updated home very special! Adjacent to the park w/pool & tennis court. 3BR/2 full BA & Bay views! Bebe McRae

902 SAN BENITO ROAD \$795,000
Updated North Berkeley gem! 2BR/1.5BA, nursery, study, office. Big basement & landscaped garden. Close to Solano Ave. shops, restaurants and transportation. Helene Barkin

Berkeley - By Appointment

BERKELEY COMPOUND \$2,495,000
Unique Berkeley compound in park-like setting. Extensively renovated. Includes 3+BR/3.5BA main house, two 1BR apts. meditation studio + extra lot. Extraordinary! Susie Schevill

BERKELEY MEDITERRANEAN \$875,000
This exciting 20's Mediterranean is located close to Solano shops and bus to BART! Luxurious updating, Bay views 4BR, den, 3BA & garden! Bebe McRae

CLAREMONT \$695,000
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Oakland & Lafayette - Open Sunday 2-4:30 P.M.

6023 SKYLINE BOULEVARD \$1,750,000
Graceful Mediterranean w/top of the world views from 3 levels. Kitchen/family room opens to garden. Den, library, wine cellar & office w/entry. 4+ BR/3BA. Erika Celestre



573 KENMORE AVENUE \$645,000
Beautiful, spacious Craftsman. 3BR/2BA + rumpus or au-pair with separate entrance. Wonderful landscaped level garden. Gracious formal rooms. Ed Kuo



1920 GOULDIN ROAD \$539,000
This well-maintained and secluded Montclair contemporary has all the right spaces - 4+BR/2BA, family room and level out patio. Steve Michaelides

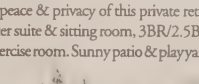


5701 LASALLE AVENUE \$1,125,000
Perfect W.E. Schirmer colonial. 1/4 acre of lush gardens. Updated kitchen & baths. 4+BR/2.5BA. Excellent location, craftsmanship & style. Sandra Vogl

2821 SYLHOWE ROAD \$645,000
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5445 ESTATES DRIVE \$525,000
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3441 SOLANA COURT \$1,100,000
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1701 CARTER STREET \$595,000
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4045 LYMAN ROAD \$515,000
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3934 GLEN PARK ROAD \$649,000
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Oakland - By Appointment




DAVID WILSON DESIGN \$2,295,000
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UPPER ROCKRIDGE! \$699,000
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ROCKRIDGE BUNGALOW \$425,000
Great location with two bedroom and one bath on one level. Hardwood floors, fireplace in living room, level back garden. Kurt Buchholz



MONTEREY COLONIAL \$1,950,000
Beautiful rebuild of 30's Monterey colonial! Fabulous Bay views! 5+BR/4BA, large family room, two-car garage, landscaped gardens! Bebe McRae

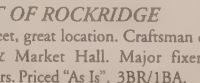
FOUR-PLEX \$510,000
Excellent 4-plex in quiet hillside setting near park trails. All two bedroom units with great tenants. Above 580, off Keller Avenue. Ed Kuo

HEART OF ROCKRIDGE \$299,000
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CONTEMPORARY \$949,000
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LEONA PARK VILLA \$439,000
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MONTCLAIR VALUE \$299,000
This charming Montclair home is nestled in a beautiful wooded setting. 2BR/1.25BA, den, cozy living room with hardwood floors & fireplace. Sherry Benninger

ROCKRIDGE VIEW LOT \$1,950,000
Spectacular Bay & SF views from this one of a kind lot. Level site on a quiet cul-de-sac surrounded by spacious homes. 17,702 sq. ft. includes architectural plans. Elizabeth Dickson

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OAKLAND/BERKELEY LOT \$148,000
Downslope lot w/Bay view. Debra J. Dryden

Oakland - Lots

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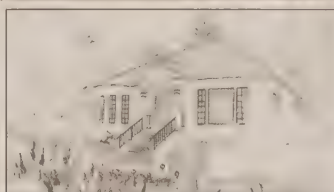
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Section C

Inside Gauchos-Falcon rivalry heats up [C2]

Inside Jolie, Burns present unlikely couple in "Life" [C3]



BANY RIGHT-HANDER LOU WORTH gave up just five hits, but the Cougars came up short against the Pilots, losing 3-1 in Alameda on April 19. Five days later, the Cougars defeated St. Mary's to earn a first place in the BSAL standings.

Albany rallies into 1st, BHS win streak ends

Cougars stumble against Pilot, top Panthers in 9; Yellow Jackets suffer first loss in league

By Bill Krussink

ALAMEDA — Albany's Lou Worth pitched, as they say, well enough to win.

And if the Cougar lineup could've found a few holes in the opposition's defense, he likely would've won.

Playing in Alameda April 19, the St. Joseph Notre Dame Pilots edged past the Cougars (12-5, 5-2 BSAL), winning 3-1.

Tied 1-1 after five innings, the

Pilots (10-10, 4-3 BSAL) pushed two runs across in the sixth to edge ahead.

Prep baseball

St. Joseph	3
Albany	1
De Anza	4
Berkeley	1
Albany	8
St. Mary's	3

In the top of the seventh, the Cougars filled the bases, but failed to get that vital hit — the one that would have tied the game or possibly given

the Cougars the lead.

Worth yielded just five hits over six innings, striking out four and walking just one. His counterpart, Patrick Larsen, gave up seven hits and walked four.

The key? The Cougars stranded 11 batters, including

three in both the second and seventh innings.

"We didn't hit the ball," Cougar coach Jim Giblin said. "You have to hit the ball to win. We didn't get the big hit."

No, but the Pilots did. After the Pilots scored in the second and the Cougars countered with a run in the fourth (Matt Ball's grounder to third scored Doug Fisch), the game headed to the bottom of the sixth knotted at 1-1.

Pilot leadoff hitter Nick Thomson, 0-for-2 against Worth to that point, got the Pilots started with an infield hit, the ball dying between Worth and first baseman Peter Collier. After Allen Soo

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Berkeley closing in on SLL title

Vilar scores 5 goals as Yellow Jackets improve to 10-2

By Scott Strain

STAFF WRITER

PIEDMONT — Even playing short-

handed, the Berkeley boys lacrosse team had enough long arms to

smash Piedmont 13-3 Tuesday afternoon at Witter Field.

The Yellow Jackets (10-2) are hoping for a Shoreline Lacrosse League championship, and their only real competition is Bishop O'Dowd, whom they defeated 6-2 on April 12. The two teams meet again May 2 in Oakland.

By then, Berkeley coach Jon Rubin may be able to put Humpty-Dumpty back together again. The Yellow Jackets were missing six midfielders against Piedmont and had lost Erick Lindeman, their second-leading scorer, who suffered a ruptured spleen in practice on Tuesday. He is out for the season.

But still Berkeley had enough to beat the Highlanders as Dan Vilar, moving into Lindeman's spot, scored five goals, three of those coming in rapid succession at the start of the second half when a 6-1 lead ballooned to 10-1.

"He's a big loss, he had 20 as-



UNDER BIG-TIME PRESSURE, Piedmont's Eric Brown lost control of the ball to quickly closing Berkeley players. Playing in Berkeley on April 23, the Yellow Jackets lowered the boom of the Highlanders, winning 13-3.

sists," Rubin said of Lindeman. "Dan Vilar, his replacement, had five goals. There's your story. He doesn't have the field vision that Erick has, but he is stronger and can finish (plays), as you saw out there."

"We were so short-handed in midfielders, yesterday (in practice) he played midfield all day. He was ready to run midfield, so

he took up that short-handed spot."

"We were missing three first-line midfielders (Julian Coffman, Calvin Gaskin and Cameron Sampson)," he said. "Some of these guys who were out there and had hardly any (practice) time at these positions. Scott Jackson, for example, played great."

It took all of 62 seconds for

Berkeley to score the first goal of the match, Jesse Cohen scoring with an assist from Nick Schooler. Ninety seconds later, Cohen scored again, this time unassisted, for 2-0. The Yellow Jackets waited all of five minutes before scoring again, Ed Hill doing the honors.

See LACROSSE, Page C2

Baseball

St. Mary's vs. St. Joseph at upper Tilden Park in Alameda, today, 3:30 p.m. — Riding a three-game winning streak as the week began, the Pilots (4-3 BSAL) could be just what the Cougars needed to knock off the Panthers (5-2 BSAL). The Panthers have a couple pitchers on the mound. The Cougars struggled in the first inning, losing to John Swett (3-5) last Friday.

Cougars at Richmond, today, 3:30 p.m. — Stop us if you've heard this one before. Berkeley wins.

Cougars at Richmond, today, 3:30 p.m. — If the Yellow Jackets have any chance of catching league leader Berkeley, they must win games such as this.

Lacrosse

Shoreline Prep at Berkeley, today, 3:30 p.m. — The Yellow Jackets are undefeated in the Shoreline Lacrosse League. Having defeated second-place Bishop O'Dowd 6-2 earlier this month, they are the first team playing this sport, and they are undefeated.

CCN championships Monday, 7:30 p.m. — The Yellow Jackets are undefeated and while the championships on May 4, this is a good idea what to do.

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dle the Yellow Jackets, who are neither as deep nor as solid as Alameda. But the boys meet will be a genuine test for both squads.

Stars of the Week

■ **Cole Stipovich, Berkeley baseball** — Two-hit second-place El Cerrito 5-1 last Friday afternoon to ensure that the Yellow Jackets remained unbeaten in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League.

■ **Jeremy LeBeau, Berkeley baseball** — Had a two-run triple in Berkeley's victory over El Cerrito.

■ **Lydia Reya, Elizabeth Ali, Julia Granholm, Olivia Rivera, Albany softball** — Reya drove in three runs and Ali, Granholm and Rivera each had two RBI as the Cougars (3-4) defeated St. Joseph Notre Dame 11-5 on April 19.

■ **Matt Ball, Albany baseball** — Drove in the only run with a double in a 3-1 loss to St. Joseph on April 19.

■ **Matt Toma, Sean Souder, Berkeley baseball** — Toma drove in two runs and Souder pitched six innings and struck out nine as the Yellow Jackets defeated previously unbeaten Encinal 12-4 on April 18 in a battle of ACCAL leaders.

■ **Greg Murray, El Cerrito baseball** — Pitched and batted his team to a 6-2 victory over Alameda on April 18. Murray drove in two runs and pitched seven innings of six-hit ball.

■ **Stephan Brooks, Berkeley track** — Won the 400 meters in 49.31 and finished third in the 200 in 22.88 at the Hampton-Phillips Invitational on Saturday.

■ **Alex Encos, Berkeley track** — Finished second in the 1600 meters in a time of 4:30.2 at Hampton-Phillips.

■ **Justin Somodio, Albany track** — Finished third in the 1600 in a time of 4:33.90 at Hampton-Phillips.

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CCNews prep baseball/softball polls

BASEBALL

School	Record	Comment
California	15-2	Runs winning streak to 15 games
Newark Memorial	16-2-1	Closing in on first MVAL title since 1995
Foothill	13-3	Today's game with Granada should be a good one
Deer Valley	13-3	Young players stepping up for Wolverines
Clayton Valley	13-3	Hoping for a push in second round of BVAL play
Berkeley	13-3	Hottest team in the area other than California
Miramonte	13-3	Entered Tuesday with eight-game win streak
Granada	9-8	Broke out in big way with 17-6 win over San Ramon Valley
San Leandro	11-5	Pirates have barreled through HAAL opponents
Amador Valley	11-6	Key matchups this week with Monte Vista, SRV

Others receiving votes: San Ramon Valley (11-5), Campolindo (10-5). The Times baseball poll incorporates all Bay Area high schools and is compiled by the staffs of Contra Costa Newspapers. Records are through Monday.

SOFTBALL

School	Record	Comment
Campolindo	12-1	Cougars keep on rolling in DFAL
Deer Valley	14-1	Wolverines give up two runs total in wins over Liberty, Carondelet
Livermore	16-3	Cowboys shut out Amador Valley and Monte Vista
College Park	13-3	Falcons stay atop league with wins over Mt. Diablo, Alhambra
Freemont	11-3	Freedom still undefeated in BVAL action
Foothill	10-5	Foothill gears up for Thursday's showdown with San Ramon Valley
Northgate	10-3	Broncos stay hot with Tanner in the circle
Henry Names	10-2-1	Monarchs have yet to lose in BSAL play
Alameda	13-5	Hornets dominating ACCAL, breeze past El Cerrito and De Anza
Antelope	11-7	Panthers continue to make statement in BVAL with pair of wins

Others receiving votes: San Ramon Valley (11-6), John Swett (10-1). The Times softball poll incorporates all East Bay Area high schools and is compiled by the staffs of Contra Costa Newspapers. Records are through Sunday.

Albany-Berkeley Girls Softball League

RESULTS OF APRIL 20

Younger Division

On The Beam's Dolphins 18, Alliance Graphics Lightning Bolts 15

Solid defense from both teams produced a number of three-out innings, thereby keeping this game full of suspense.

Anne Smith and Elana Jacobs-Pontecorvo made an impressive team as they worked together two innings to produce force outs for the Lightning Bolts. Teammates Lizzie Allen and Emma Rotem each snagged an out with their mitts. Dolphins Kelly Kaufman, Nicole Luna, and Fiona Riley broke some hitters' hearts with their quick fielding and their ability to produce force outs.

Despite these solid defensive maneuverings, the bats were not idle. The Lightning Bolts had a vocal bench and active bats. Erica Shellem drove in a run with a lightning bolt in the top of the fourth. Chynna Williams brought runners home in the third and the fourth. In the first inning Christina Sechak shrugged off the chilly gusts and belted one out to right field, helping drive home fellow Dolphins Zoe Fidler and Julie Moorad, who man-

aged to go on to score three runs each.

Sweet Potatoes Sharks 22, Nolo Rotary Sluggers 16

This early Saturday morning game was a blistering batting bonanza for both teams. In four jam-packed innings, both teams scored run after run. But in the end, superior fielding by the Sluggers made the difference.

The Sluggers started the first inning with a succession of singles. Zoe Pollock ran out a pop fly to the pitcher for a single and RBI, then Sarah Herman ran out a short grounder to third for the same.

It was already 5-0 when the Royal Sharks came to bat. Alex Hickey led off with a line-drive to third, leading off a succession of Sharks singles and runs batted in. Nicole Gomez's hard-hitting fly to second drove in two runs, a stunning feat that she repeated in the third inning. Slugger Marisa Budlong fielded two consecutive grounders at first base for solo putouts to retire the side with the score at 5-4.

Next, the Sluggers' Staci Apodaca smacked a ground ball down the middle for a single and Taylor Ivancich powered a line drive over the pitcher to load the bases. Sharks third baseman Zoe

Renauer scooped up a hard line drive, tagging her runner out. Sharks then batted their complete line-up, with Sarah Madden's base hit smash past second driving in a run. The second inning featured six more runs for each team.

In the third, the Sluggers' Budlong pounded a line drive to the outfield for a double and two RBI. Defensive plays by both teams were notable: the Sharks' Clara Obstfeld charged a weak grounder and fired off a pinpoint throw to Emma Tadlock-Goldsmith at first for an out. The latter then snagged a line drive to first for her second out.

When the Sharks came up again, Lily Gordon smacked one to second base for a solid single. The Sluggers' Megan Tokunaga snagged a ground ball to third and made the long throw to first for the out.

The fourth inning featured elegant plays by both teams. Sweet Potatoes' Elise Hartinger beat out a short infield grounder for a single. The Sharks' Sadie Oliver-Gray deftly fielded an infield fly and ran home to tag the runner coming in.

See SOFTBALL, Page C2

El Cerrito loses ever so slowly

Lob ball stymies El Cerrito; Berkeley, Albany win in routs

By Bill Kruissink
STAFF WRITER

ALAMEDA — Few could blame the El Cerrito girls for feeling a tad frustrated on Wednesday.

First they were swinging against the slowest pitcher that'd faced all year; then they were losing to her.

Playing in Alameda, the Gauchos (7-7, 3-4 ACCAL) lost to the Encinal Jets (7-8, 4-3), falling 6-2. The object of El Cerrito's frustration was Kaleena Ewing, who went the distance to earn the win.

A senior, Ewing is a lob-ball style pitcher. As her pitches arc toward the plate, they appear as hittable as a beach ball. Only they aren't.

Throwing 90 percent strikes — and getting marvelous fielding by her teammates — Ewing pitched four perfect innings before yielding a hit to Sara Lucas in the fifth. Lucas came around to score on errors.

Two innings later, the Gauchos broke through again, getting a single by Guisina Gossette, who was lost at third in a close play, followed by a monstrous solo home run by Danielle Donaville.

But that was it. Just three hits



EYEING FIRST BASE, El Cerrito pitcher Vanessa Pratt clearly fielded the ball before throwing. Playing in Alameda on April 24, the Gauchos fell to the Encinal Jets 6-2.

and one walk off Ewing.

"We're not really used to hitting slow pitching," Donaville said. "We're used to hitting fast pitchers, so it was kind of hard."

Mind you, the Gauchos hit the ball (Ewing fanned just one batter), especially to the left side, where Encinal third baseman Rowena Quinto made seven assists, and left fielder Shafoa Rollins reeled in four flies — two

in foul territory. Donaville's shot was to deepest left-center field. Lucas' line single was to left.

It's just that few of the hits got past the Jets.

"I have confidence in my fielders," Ewing said.

Of course, it didn't hurt when her hitters staked her to an early lead, either.

Facing Vanessa Pratt, who wound up scattering four hits

and yielding just one earned run, the Jets scored four times in the first. After Pratt got two quick outs (three pitches worth of quick), errors put two Jets aboard. A single by Quinto got one run across before Jillian Dasher launched a rocket to approximately the same spot as Donaville's seventh-inning shot. Not surprisingly, the result was also a homer, though in this case a three-run blast for 4-0.

Pratt retired the next 10 batters she faced on just 24 pitches — but the damage was done. Ewing stayed on course for the victory.

Berkeley 15, De Anza 0

The Yellow Jackets (11-5, 6-1 ACCAL) kept pace with the Alameda Hornets as Joe Warner tossed a five-inning no hitter.

Warner fanned 11 in the win, which saw the yellow jackets jump out to a 6-0 lead after one and 14-0 after three. Sara Harris-Lovett, Zoe Hitchner and Amanda Wake had two hits each and combined to score four runs.

The Dons dropped to 1-6 in league. Alameda (14-5, 7-0 ACCAL) routed the Richmond 17-0 to remain atop the league standings. The Hornets edged the Yellow Jackets 3-0 in Alameda on April 10. The two clubs meet again in Berkeley May 3. The game is scheduled to be played at UC Berkeley at 3:30 p.m.

Albany 10, St. Mary's 0

Sydney McIver scattered three hits as the Cougars stopped the Panthers in five innings.

Albany improved to 4-6 in the Bay Shore Athletic League, while the Panthers fell to 1-7.

Elizabeth Ali went 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored in the win.

Baseball

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Hoo singled, things got interesting. Javier Alvarez singled up the middle and Pilot coach Ray Freitas waved Thomsen home. A terrific throw from Cougars center fielder Eddie Izumazaki was slightly up the third-base line, but catcher Ian Gordon was positioned perfectly to make the catch and tag out Alvarez at the plate.

The play took some of the steam from the Pilots — but maybe it distracted the Cougars as well. One pitch into the next batter, Worth was called for a balk, sending Soo Hoo to third and Alvarez to second.

With two outs, Chad Freitas stepped to the plate. With the score still tied 1-1, Freitas slammed a 1-0 off-speed pitch into left, sending Soo Hoo and Alvarez home.

Now that was timely hitting. All that was left was for Larsen to close the deal.

The deal proved difficult to close. Albany singled runners to first and third, but with one out Gordon, who was at first, broke for second. Pilot catcher Alvarez gunned him out at second, shortstop Freitas applying the tag.

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The loss did little to change things in the BSAL standings. Mary's (5-1 BSAL) lost to Sweet, keeping Albany with game of first.

De Anza 4, Berkeley 1

The Dons' John Schmitt pitched a masterful four-inning effort, striking out eight batters and allowing no earned runs, and Brian Hansen drove in three as De Anza (12-5, 4-3 ACCAL) upset the host Yellow Jackets, snapping Berkeley's 12-game winning streak on Wednesday.

Hansen hit a ground-rule double in the third inning, leading to a two-run inning. Dons, Berkeley (13-4, 6-1 ACCAL) produced a run in the fifth, but a two-run single by Hansen in the seventh provided a winning margin.

Albany 8, St. Mary's 0

Thanks to a five-run inning, the visiting Cougars (6-2 BSAL) leaped over the Panthers (9-11, 5-2) to grab first place with Salesian in a game.

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Softball

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Middle Division

Vivian Lopez
Mighty Molars 9,
Nelson, Meyer, Kasrovi, & Ung
Golden Bears 1

The Molars started quickly at Longfellow Middle School. Rachel Lazansky-Weast swatted a single. She later scored on base hit, and Lily Meryash knocked another single into the outfield to score the Molars second run. The third out was a fly ball caught by Kelsey Fredriksen at shortstop.

In the bottom of the inning, Adriana Stevens took the pitching circle for the Molars and flossed the first three Bears to complete the inning.

Stevens came to the plate to lead off the second and promptly pushed a single. She was picked up by Sonia Javits' drive to right, and scored on an unassisted putout at first by the Bears' Rachel Chazin-Gray.

Weast took the mound for the Molars in the bottom of the second and struck out the Bears' side. The top half of the third saw Weast garnish another single and score again. The third out was a line drive off the bat of Meryash that was caught by Gilliland at shortstop.

Gray led off the home third with the Bears' first hit, but was stranded at third base as Kelsey Morakami fanned the next three batters.

The fourth inning saw Gilliland clean the Molars in order. Gilliland promptly belted a triple to the fence in right-center to open the bottom half. She scored on Danielle Thompson's single.

The Mighty Molars then demonstrated their bite with six consecutive singles in a five-run fifth inning. The Golden Bears answered with Gray's second consecutive single, but no runs in the bottom of the inning.

Centerfield Partners Penguins 9, Ginzberg Video Burning Bullets 6

This game reached a crescendo in the last inning began on a cool, breezy, sunny morning at Fielding Field.

The first two innings passed

with fine pitching from Penguins Rebecca Studin and Tess Lubin-Brown and Bullets Hannah Port and Lily Felder. The Penguins did manage three runs, however, as Jennifer Breunig, Sabina Khan, and Liana Egan each scored.

In the top of the third, the Bullets raised the bar and evened the score with their first inning of the season thus far. Rachel Chernick lined a two-run double to right, scoring Hilary Calef and Sasha Ginzberg. After stealing third, Chernick scored on Elizabeth Tulsky's base hit. The Bullets then completed the inning with pitcher Port striking out three batters and holding the Penguins to no runs in the bottom half.

Zoe Oliver-Gray led off the top of the fourth with a base hit, then stole the next two bases and scored on Ginzberg's base hit. Hilary Calef followed with a base hit and steal of second and Elisa Jones drove Ginzberg home. Excellent pitching by Penguins Djuna Elkan and Siobhan McGowan held the Bullets to three runs for the inning.

Not to be outdone, the Penguins came back with a flurry in the bottom of the fourth with hits, steals, and runs by Mattison Peters and McGowan. Studin's thrilling triple culminated with a slide into third, narrowly averting an out. She eventually came home the tying run on Egan's solid single. Additional runs by Egan, Mary Creedan, and Rose Cowan gave the Penguins the win.

Jesse Young Tigers 10, Red Oak Rattlesnakes 7

This 3 p.m. game at Longfellow Field ended just as the first shadows of a Saturday afternoon began to fall on the left field foul line. In a thrilling contest, the Jesse Young Tigers held on for a hard-fought win.

The Tigers were staked to an immediate one-run lead when Kirsten Rapella's single and daring base-running landed her on third with two outs. The Tigers rallied from there, as a single and stolen base by Emily Cooper was followed by sharp hits by Angelica Herrera and Fiona Delgado.

The Rattlesnakes were never out of the game. Trailing by seven runs entering what proved to be the last inning, the Red Oak team rallied for five runs on consecutive hits by Kamillah Whitfield, Hannah Kramer, Maddie Cousens and Christie Manning.

they play just like him. And you can put that in the paper."

— Piedmont boys lacrosse coach Chris Sparhawk on Berkeley lacrosse coach John Rubin and his team after the Yellow Jackets waxed Piedmont 13-2 Tuesday evening in Piedmont. Said in jest, Sparhawk coached Berkeley for eight years before going to Piedmont. Familiarly breeds humor. "I was on an unfamiliar line, I didn't have any of my players on my line. We were hoping for this (blowout) against our old coach (Piedmont's Chris Sparhawk). I was expecting this, but then we lost on these players..."

— Berkeley lacrosse player Nick Schooner, on playing with a team that was missing several players and which was going against its former coach. The Yellow Jackets won handily.

Both squads featured timely hitting and aggressive base stealing. In the end, the Rattlesnakes fell short as the Tigers defense stiffened.

Older Division

Autumn Press 6, Strategic Economics Panthers 5

A brisk wind was blowing across Fielding Field on Saturday, as the Panthers got on the scoreboard early.

After Emily Fong walked, Mary Pinto singled to right, and Leah Belzer-Adams drove them both in by smashing a double down the left-field line. The Press answered in the top of the second inning when Brianna Waqa's single sparked a four-run rally. The Panthers tied the game in the bottom of the second after singles by Lucy Sherman, Mariko Conner, and Sarah Neuhaus. The Press scored two to take the lead in the top of the third, and the Panthers were only able to muster up one more run during their next at bat.

Press pitcher Sophie Kline shut out the Panther batters in the bottom of the fourth to preserve the victory.

Berkeley Home 13, Sensational Lasers 3

Berkeley was victorious over the Lasers in a tough game on Saturday. The first three innings were a battle of the pitchers. Gaby Regan of Berkeley threw strikes to eliminate the first three Laser batters. In the next inning, Lyla Weinstein of the Lasers threw five straight strikes and eliminated the next two batters.

Catcher Joan Cannon and Andrea Woodard of Berkeley were a dynamic duo in the fourth as together they retired the batters in order.

The bats really came alive in the last two innings. For the Lasers, Mary Katherine Morrison's single scored teammate Abby Cheitlin. Daniela Kronenberg followed with a stand-up double. Berkeley's Kayla Sims hit a powerful single and then took second and third. She came home on Laura Cannon's hard shot to third to finish the game.

Lacrosse

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"I was on an unfamiliar line, I didn't have any of my players on my line," Schooner said. "We were hoping for this (blowout) against our old coach (Piedmont's Chris Sparhawk). I was expecting this, but then we lost on these players..."

Piedmont's Charlie Habegger scored with 4:09 left in the first period to cut the lead to 4-1, but the Highlanders would not score again until 5:57 was left in the third quarter. By that time, it was 10-1.

The Yellow Jackets had a lull (if you could call it that) in the second period when they scored two goals to open a 6-1 gap. Piedmont might have been a little full of itself at that point, but Berkeley's four-goal spurge at the start of the third period restored

some balance to the boys lacrosse universe and reiterated where the talent in this league is.

Said Rubin of the effort against Piedmont: "I think because they (the Berkeley players) were short-handed, they were very focused. And I'm not sure they would have really focused (if they had been at full strength). Piedmont hasn't won a lot of games, and they knew that."

"This (short-handedness) allowed us to really come out and play."

POSTMATCH

STATS: Villar scored five goals, Cohen had three goals an assist, and Schooner had a goal and three assists.

SCHEDULE: The Yellow Jackets play host to College Prep today at 5:30 p.m. ... After the BOD match, they play Branson in Ross on May 7 and play host to Piedmont on Friday, May 10.

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Gaucha-Foothill rivalry heats up

El Cerrito stops Foothill for tourney title

By Jennifer Starks
STAFF WRITER

PLEASANTON — Foothill High School volleyball coach Dusty Collins wasn't the least bit surprised when he learned whom his team would face in the championship match of the Falcons Invitational.

Of course it was El Cerrito. Why wouldn't it be? After all, the teams had already met twice this season entering Saturday's match — once at the Deer Valley Tournament and later at a tournament in Fresno. The pairing even marked a rematch of last season's Falcons Invitational title match, which Foothill won in a rally-scoring third game. This time around, it was the Gauchos who came out on top 11-15, 15-6, 15-13 at Harvest Park Middle School.

"We're starting to know each other pretty well," Collins said. "But it's fun. El Cerrito is a fun team to play. They bring out the best in a lot of teams."

The Falcons (28-4) took a slim 9-7 lead in the deciding third game when middle hitter Daniel Plummer connected on a kill. But the Gauchos quickly regained the advantage on a Foothill hitting error and extended it to 11-9 when seniors Ari Katz and Teddy

Firestone teamed up for a

Foothill was able to cut the gap to 14-13, as senior Patak blocked a kill attempt by Armen Zakarian. Zakarian responded in fine fashion, but put the game away when he just beyond the Falcons' net.

"Our passing really us," El Cerrito coach Francisco said. "Armen and (Gonzalez) let us do a lot of different things. We know their tendencies and just track and adjust to them."

The Gauchos (17-3) had difficulty doing that early in the first game after Michael Iler landed a kill in the first of the court. But Iler refused to go down and off the next eight points led to 14-10 with a third kill to the back line. Patak will continue his volleyball career at UC Santa Barbara with 27 kills.

"Evan's the most consistent player I've seen," Collins said. "He can take over a game and get points from everywhere on the court. He makes body better."

Just as they did in the game, the Falcons worked themselves into a sizable lead in the second game. This one too great to overcome. El Cerrito ahead 8-7, Iler killed to the right corner, and Tipping iced the game with the ball.

The Gauchos beat San Valley 15-1, 15-10 to win the title match. Foothill's Brannan-San Jose 15-8, its semifinal match.

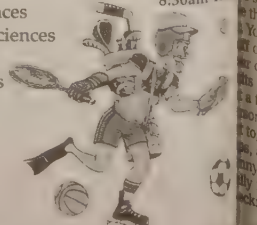
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■ Gabi Rios Sotol, St. Mary's track — won the 3200 in a time of 11:15.12 at Hampton-Phillips.

■ Dan Vilar, Berkeley lacrosse — Scored five goals in a 13-3 victory over Piedmont Tuesday night.

■ Nick Schooner, Berkeley lacrosse — Scored one goal and had three assists in the victory over Piedmont.

■ Jesse Cohen, Berkeley lacrosse — Scored three goals and had an assist against Piedmont.

Quotes of the Week

■ "The coach is a wily son-of-gun and

Arts

Shotgun Players rise to the challenge of 'Medea'

You've got to give the Shotgun Players an "A" for Adaptability as they continue their peripatetic 10th season. Foiled by construction delays early this year at the Alston Street Theatre in the Gaia Building in downtown Berkeley, they quickly accepted the Berkeley Rep's offer of its Thrust Stage in March to mount Adam Bock's "A Fairy's Tail."

Still homeless, tomorrow night, the players open the second play of the anniversary season with the demanding "Medea." And if Euripides' towering tragedy of betrayal, power-lust, infanticide and ruin wouldn't be hard enough to produce on a familiar stage, Shotgun is presenting it at the classic old movie palace, the UC Theatre, 2036 University Ave., Berkeley.

Talk about your "wandering minstrel(s)..." But better dressed than "A thing of shreds and patches..." from "The Mikado."

Beth Donohue plays the title role of Medea. This production, a "free" adaptation by Robinson Jeffers written in 1947, places the focus on the psychology of the characters as they act out their obsessions. Russell Blackwood is directing.

Shotgun Players have no trepidation about going into the dark and cavernous space of the Greek Revival Style UC Theatre. A press release, in fact, trumpets that "(the theatre) perfectly suits the intense and richly imagined production of the world's greatest revenge story. The acoustics in the UC Theatre, originally built for silent movies and vaudeville acts, are superb, ideal for the organ music that will punctuate the theatrics of what the director calls 'a revenge potboiler.'"

"Medea" plays at 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 7 p.m. Sundays through June 1.



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SKIDDING IN LINE: Contra Costa Civic Theatre will hold auditions for "Grease" at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the theatre, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. Call backs on May 2. Rehearsals start May 5. The 1950s-style musical plays weekends from July 5 through Aug. 10. No pay for this non-AEA production, directed by Andrew Gabel.

Parts for eight males 15-plus; eight females 13-plus; one male 30-something or more and one female 45ish and up. Prepare a song in your key. Accompanist will be provided. A tape is okay. Dress to move. And if grandpa or grandmama can teach you a wriggling dance from their halcyon days called the Hully Gully, you probably will knock the socks off everybody, including Gabel.

For more information, call 510-524-6654.

SAID HOWDY TO HEIDI: Actors Ensemble of Berkeley, the city's oldest stage company — but only in a calendar sense — will hold auditions for Wendy Wasserstein's "The Heidi Chronicles" at 7 p.m. on May 5 and 6 at Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave. (at Berryman). Roles for five women and three men, all in the 18-35 age range. No appointment is needed. And there is no pay.

A coming-of-age play, this



BETH DONOHUE essays the title role in Shotgun Player's production of "Medea."

one takes a funny and touching look back to the progress of a generation from the social and political activism of the '60s to the success-oriented '80s.

Director Fel Cruz, who has worked with AE on several productions, requests auditioners to present a short monologue as well as read from the script. Performance dates are Fridays and Saturdays from July 12 through Aug. 10, plus

one performance on the last Thursday before the closing.

Call 510-525-1620 for more information.

Send items of interest to Jack Tucker c/o the West County Times, 4301 Lakeside Drive, Richmond, CA, 94806; fax to 510-262-2776; e-mail to jtucker@cctimes.com, or call 510-262-2768. Include a contact name and number.

Jolie, Burns present unlikely couple in 'Life'

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

In the bland romantic comedy "Life or Something Like It," the talented Angelina Jolie takes on a curious acting challenge: playing Broadcast News Barbie.

To portray the ambitious newswoman Lanie Kerigan, a gal just gunning to dump the local Seattle affiliate where she works for a big-time network job, Jolie sports hair so blond it looks like cotton candy and a wardrobe full of white pumps and cleavage-baring suits. You have to admire her dedication to acquiring at least the externals of the part, even as you're debating whether she looks more like a dominatrix or a drag queen.

Regardless, we know she'll shed these trappings of superficiality soon enough, because "Life or Something Like It" is a transformation tale, one of those movies, such as "Regarding Henry," where a shallow, ambitious person learns the true meaning of life through a life-threatening event. There's little potential for surprise or much creativity within this old formula, and director Stephen Herek ("Rock Star," "Mr. Holland's Opus") is competent but never colors outside the lines.

Screenwriter John Scott Shepherd pulls off some snippets of delectable dialogue, but what's most interesting about "Life or Something Like It" is watching Jolie, oddball that she is, try to jam herself into a part better suited to Sandra Bullock. She's good enough to almost make it work, but one can't help thinking, "Why bother?" You'd think an actress this forceful would be bored to tears by the romantic comedy genre.

Lanie's personal transformation is spurred by the curse of a homeless psychic named Jack (Tony Shalhoub). During an interview with our girl on the street, Jack predicts (correctly) the weather, the ups and downs of the stock market, the scores of upcoming football games and, after a bit of on-camera baiting from a dubious Lanie ("You sure you don't want to tweak that frequency a little?" she taunts him breezily), that she will die in a week's time.

When she sits down to re-examine her life, Lanie fast realizes that she's neglected something on her path to success. Everything she has, the well-toned body, her Seattle Mariner fiancé (Christian Kane), their sleek and



ANGELINA JOLIE seems out of place in "Life or Something Like It," and there's little chemistry between her and co-star Ed Burns, right.

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Life or Something Like It"

■ **STARRING:** Angelina Jolie, Ed Burns, Tony Shalhoub, Stockard Channing

■ **RATING:** PG-13 (sexual content, brief violence, language)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 44 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Opens today at Bay Area theaters

■ **GRADE:** C+

spotless modern apartment, the shot she has at a network job like the one her Barbara Walters-like idol (Stockard Channing) has, are all meaningless. What she really needs to do, in no particular order, is to stop bathing, try drinking on the job and to pay more visits to her gruff factory-worker father (James Gammon, who delivers all his scenes from an easy chair; perhaps Herek hoped to tap into the actor's inner Archie Bunker).

In a decision many women can get behind, Lanie also realizes that she needs to sleep with Ed Burns before she dies. He plays Lanie's cameraman Pete, a guy with a disdain for her superficiality but some inexplicably deep insight into her true worth. He's supposed to be

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someone who knows how to live, how to deviate from the ugly career march, although he's still got plenty of the trappings of success, including a bungalow overlooking Lake Union and the kind of relaxed work schedule that allows him to wander through bookstores and drink beer during the work day.

There's no actor working in Hollywood today who slugs from a bottle of beer better than Burns. He does it with gusto, seemingly in every movie he's in, with the exception of "Saving Private Ryan," when he may have done it with a canteen. Each time the bottle tilts back he seems to be saying, "Remember 'The Brothers McMullen'? I'm still that working class kind of guy, I swear. Don't let the glamorous girlfriends fool you." This is a happy enough fantasy for his female

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EVENTS

General

OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY —

MAIN BRANCH —
"Days of Deceit: The Truth About FDR and Pearl Harbor," Jan. 12, 2 p.m. Former Oakland Tribune reporter Robert B. Stinnett will speak about his ground-breaking findings in his new work.

125 14th St. (510) 238-3134.
BROOKFIELD BRANCH —
9255 Edes Ave. (510) 615-5725.

DIMOND BRANCH —
"Clear Your Clutter Workshop," Jan. 7 and Jan. 10. Learn how to better organize your home, office, garage or other space. Monday, 7 p.m. and Thursday, 2 p.m. "Internet Workshops," Saturday, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. 3565 Fruitvale Ave. (510) 482-7844.

PIEDMONT BRANCH —
"Appalachia: 'Prodigal Summer' by Barbara Kingsolver," Jan. 8, 6:30 p.m. A book discussion series facilitated by Leon Ginsky.

(510) 597-5011.
160 41st St. (510) 535-5623.

WEST OAKLAND BRANCH —
"Chess Workshop for Children," Wednesdays, 4 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.

1801 Adeline St. (510) 597-5049.

Free. Oakland. (510) 238-3134 or www.oaklandlibrary.org

PACIFIC FILM ARCHIVE —
"The 10th Children's International Film Festival," Jan. 6 through Feb. 17. Animated and live-action short films and features from around the world. Includes a screening of the 1924 silent version of "Peter Pan."

\$4. 2575 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. (510) 642-1412.

GOLDEN GATE GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY TRAVEL FILM SERIES —

Indonesia, Jan. 11, 7:45 p.m. At Chabot College Performing Arts Center, 25555 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward.

Indonesia, Jan. 12, 2 p.m. At the Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland.

\$9 general; \$4.50 youths age 14 and under. (800) 247-GGGS.

THE OAKLAND ARENA —
"Stars on Ice," Jan. 11, 8 p.m. Starring Kurt Browning, Katarina Witt, Tara Lipinski, Kristi Yamaguchi, Ilia Kulik and others.

\$35 to \$58. Hegenberger Road and Interstate 880, Oakland.

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NATIONAL WRITERS UNION —

"A Dream Still Beckons: Multicultural Offerings for Peace and Justice in Honor of Langston Hughes and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.," Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m. The event features poetry readings and a dance party.

Free but donations requested. Oakland YWCA, 1515 Webster St., Oakland. (510) 839-1248.

Comedy

KIMBALL'S EAST —
"Life Comedy," Thursdays, 7 p.m.

\$10 cover. Emerybay Public Market, 5800 Shellmound St., Emeryville. (510) 658-2555, (510) 762-BASS or www.kimballs.com

Exhibits

ALICE ARTS CENTER —
"Windows Exhibition II Series," through March 28. This series of exhibitions features works by 24 Bay area artists shown in the front windows of the Center. The media include sculpture, ceramics, mixed media, photography, painting and woodblock prints. Sponsored by the City of Oakland Craft and Cultural Arts Department.

Through Jan. 28: Leslie Laurie, S. Newman and Pashyanti Carole Hand.

Free. Daily, 24 hours. 1428 Alice St., Oakland. (510) 238-4948.

CREATIVE GROWTH ART CENTER —

"Annual Holiday Exhibition," closing Jan. 4. Enjoy fine arts and crafts by studio artists with

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We don't want this TV story

Is this the dog-mauling case redux?

Better question: Do you know anyone who's even the slightest bit interested in the Robert Blake case? Neither do we. Why is it at the top of the newscasts here in the Bay Area? (As it was Monday on KRON.)

Who cares? What pandering consultant/news genius made us think that there is high interest in this story in the Bay Area? Maybe in celeb-oriented company town L.A. people care about the and his shortened career, but sorry, not here. Still, I see this awful feeling we're going to be subjected to this for weeks.

And, have you actually ever heard Blake's awful old sequel, "Baretta"? Me neither. OK, I tried to once in 1975, the parrot was a better actor than Blake. (By the way, the car was just as bad as the case. I have a female friend who owns a red Baretta, and she has her third paint job and her engine.) There was just as much reason to watch Blake's pointless cop show as there was to watch "Starsky and Hutch" or "Knight Rider," er, "Night Rider." (The latter 's an awful mistake to make at this time.) Or "Nash Bridges."

Fact: Did you know that "Baretta" was a spin-off of another dumb show, "Toma"? If you didn't, you probably read this too.

TV news execs and their assistants, please. We beg you: Let's lose Blake right now. We don't care about this silly show, his lousy image, his unlivable city of Venice, or his lowlife com-

plaint attention in the weeks leading to where the Blake story ended on local TV stations. We speak volumes about the quality of the newscast you're watching.

MEDIA NOTES: Bad news, "Baretta" fans: We won't see new episodes until — when? For this? — Sept. 8, HBO says. The series was supposed to return in June for its 10th season but creator/head writer David Chase wanted time to get the scripts. And HBO, not surprisingly, assented. That means when the superb series returns this fall, it will be 15 months since we saw a new "Sopranos" episode. Program reminder: If you'd like the last half of the series, PBS Ansel Adams documentary that was truncated last Sunday night by a broken transmitter, we'll rerun it Sunday night in its entirety. We

general readers report that Windows trick I mentioned to get rid of pop-up ads. F4, doesn't work if you're on AOL. Think that's a bad idea? Warner stock is new low this week?

For a decade until 1992, one of the points of this TV critic's column was my annual NBC-TV interview with Bob Odenkirk to plug an upcoming special. Hope, it's the 99th next month. Wasn't it a lot to chat with on the phone? We'd always exchange jokes. (I've since learned that silly, time-squandering game.) I got to know the public Hope just a bit better over the years.

Now get this kind of thing: "The 10th Children's International Film Festival" — "Prodigal Summer" by Barbara Kingsolver, Jan. 8, 6:30 p.m. "The 10th Children's International Film Festival" — "Prodigal Summer" by Barbara Kingsolver, Jan. 8, 6:30 p.m. "The 10th Children's International Film Festival" — "Prodigal Summer" by Barbara Kingsolver, Jan. 8, 6:30 p.m. "The 10th Children's International Film Festival" — "Prodigal Summer" by Barbara Kingsolver, Jan. 8, 6:30 p.m.

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NOW PLAYING

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. The reviewers are Vera H-C Chan and Mary F. Pols. Times: Robert W. Butler, Knight Ridder Newspapers; Anthony Breznican, David Germain, Christy Lemire, Tim Molloy, Sheila Norman-Culp and Matt Wolf, Associated Press; Jan Stuart, Newsday; Stephen Holden, Dave Kehr, Elvis Mitchell, A.O. Scott and Lawrence Van Gelder, New York Times; Valerie Kulkens, Bob Strauss and Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News; Kevin Thomas, Los Angeles Times; Gary Dowell, Tom Maurstad, Chris Vogner and Philip Wuntch, Dallas Morning News; and Roger Moore, Orlando Sentinel.

"ALL ABOUT THE BENJAMINS": An occasional burst of visual inventiveness livens up this standard-issue crime-comedy. Ice Cube plays Bucum Jackson, a Miami bounty hunter in pursuit of Reggie White (Mike Epps), a serial ball-jumper. When Reggie takes a wrong turn into a storage complex where a bloody jewel heist has just gone down, the murderous crooks shoot their way past Bucum, unaware that Reggie is hiding in their getaway van. Reggie and

Bucum both escape, but the bad guys now have Reggie's wallet along with his \$60 million lottery ticket. When Bucum finally tracks Reggie down, the longtime antagonists join forces to get the ticket back. — B. Strauss. (R: violence, sex, language.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. C+

"AMADEUS: THE DIRECTOR'S CUT": Milos Forman's 1984 Academy Award-winning period piece is back in theaters with an additional 20 minutes of film footage. F. Murray Abraham, who took home the best actor Oscar, remains the quintessential "soul in pain" whose jealousy translates into a monstrously ingenious plot to discredit the playboy-prodigy Mozart (Tom Hulce). Hulce is even better as little Wolke, whose insufferable court antics are as scandalous as his music is sublime. — G. Lovell. (R: brief nudity.) 2 hours, 58 minutes. A

"A BEAUTIFUL MIND": Very good by-the-book filmmaking from director Ron Howard. The film spans 47 years in the life of John Forbes Nash Jr. (Russell Crowe), a mathematical genius who won the Nobel Prize for economics in 1994. Doubtless the element that made Crowe want to play Nash (brilliantly, as

usual) is that Nash also suffers from schizophrenia, and has for decades. The movie follows the careful trajectory of a classic inspirational story, occasionally veering into the medicinal, but still undeniably moving and effective. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense thematic material, sexual content and a scene of violence.) 2 hours, 8 minutes. B+

"BEHIND THE SUN": Set in Brazil in 1910, this film unfolds from the point of view of Pacu (Ravi Ramos Lacerda), a boy of about 10. He is the youngest of three sons in a sugar cane-raising family that has fallen on hard times. Life for the brothers and their parents (José DuMont and Rita Assemany) is a grueling cycle of planting, cutting and processing their cane. We don't immediately know why this family, the Braves, are caught up in a deadly chain of revenge with the neighboring Ferreira clan, but it's easy to guess that it is over land and has been going on for generations. It falls upon the middle brother, Tonho (Rodrigo Santoro), to uphold the family honor and gun down his Ferreira counterpart, which in turn will make him a marked man. Ultimately, this is a re-

warding parable about the futility of revenge and the redemptive power of self-sacrificing love. — K. Thomas. (PG-13: some violence and a discreet sex scene.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. A-

"BIG TROUBLE": Former Pulitzer-Prize-winning columnist and director Elia Arnold (Tim Allen) is scraping the bottom in his Miami life when he's unwittingly pulled into lunacy involving a suitcase bomb, hired assassins, an unhappy housewife (Rene Russo) and a giant toad. Welcome to a comic universe where the Bible is Martha Stewart Living and characters sport the wisdom of the Discovery Channel. Directed by Barry Sonnenfeld ("Get Shorty," "Men in Black") and based on the book by Miami Herald columnist Dave Barry, it recalls the ensemble comedies of the '70, which in turn harked back to the screwball comedies of the '30s and '40s. Allen is the weak link in an otherwise very funny cast. — V. Chan. (PG-13: language, crude humor, sex-related material.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. B+

"BLADE II": Wesley Snipes returns as a half-man/half-vampire hero waging a blood feud against a race of full-blooded vampires in this sequel based on the Marvel comic book character. The film opens with Blade rampaging through legions of bloodsuckers in a mission to rescue his mentor, Whistler (Kris Kristofferson), who seemingly died in the first movie. Reunited, Blade and Whistler are reluctantly drawn into an alliance with the vampire overlord and his daughter to fight a new breed of super-vampires that threatens humans and regular bloodsuckers. — D. Germain. (R: strong pervasive violence, language, some drug use and sexual content.) 1 hour, 57 minutes. C

"CHANGING LANES": A film that dares to probe, intelligently, into some of those most essentially American issues, race and class, and simultaneously lays bare the moral lapses of both the privileged and the disadvantaged. Ben Affleck and Samuel L. Jackson are both very good as opponents in a case of road rage gone wildly amok. With strong supporting work by Toni Collette and Amanda Peet. — M. Pols. (R: language.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. B+

"CLOCKSTOPPERS": Jesse Bradford stars as Zak, who is smitten by the new exchange student Francesca (Paula Garcés) and is pals with Meeker (Garkay Mutamirwa). Zak's chances with the babe and his friend's chances at the big DJ competition improve when a hyper-time twist device falls into the hands of his bland scientist-dad and then into Zak's. It speeds up molecules so that its wearer and the wearer's friends (how convenient) are moving too fast for the rest of the world to see. — R. Moore. (PG: action, violence and mild language.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. D+

"CRUSH": Andie MacDowell is charming as a firtysomething private school headmistress who falls in love with a much younger man, against the wishes of her still-single friends, but this is a bewitchingly conflicted film. It's got a clever comic edge, a joyful sense of sexuality and what initially seems like a daring determina-

OPENING TODAY

"THE CAT'S MEOW" (PG-13)
A fictionalized account of an actual murder that took place on publishing mogul William Randolph Hearst's yacht in 1924.

"THE CHERRY ORCHARD" (NR)
A film adaptation of Chekhov's famous play about the reunion of a troubled Russian family, starring Charlotte Rampling, Alan Bates and Katrin Cartledge.

"JASON X" (R)
Yes, Virginia, there really is a 10th movie in the infamous horror series. This time, Jason travels to the 25th century to kill.

"LIFE, OR SOMETHING LIKE IT" (PG-13)
Angelina Jolie stars as a Barbie-like TV reporter who is forced to face up

to her superficial existence on a street savvy predicts she'll be a week. With Edward Burns.

"NINE QUEENS" (R)
A seasoned con man takes a stab at under his wing for a major con involving famous postage stamps. The biggest hit of the year so far.

"THE SALTIN SEA" (R)
A thriller about revenge and demption, starring Val Kilmer, man caught in the seamy underworld of meth addicts.

"WORLD TRAVELER" (R)
Billy Crudup stars as a man who runs out on his wife and sets out on a cross-country odyssey. With Julianne Moore

elements.) 2 hours. A

"THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE SOULFUL, passionate giant of a one that will live long past 2000. Zealand director Peter Jackson ("Heavenly Creatures") adapts the first third of J.R.R. Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings" epic, its dramatic storytelling and the makers out there who have to make a movie destined for commercial success that's also and ferociously heartfelt. This it should be, moving when it holds true to Tolkien's world of the best movies of the '70s. Pols. (PG-13: epic battle scenes, scary images.) 2 hours, 59 minutes.

"FRAILTY": With this thriller, star Bill Paxton delivers a tour of murder and mayhem. His performance as a good-natured murderer captures the eerie calm he can hide a festering rage. The gins when FBI Agent Wesley (Powers Boothe) is greeted by Fenton Meeks (Matthew McConaughey). Agent Doyle has been working on the case of a serial slayer explains that the culprit is brother Adam and weaves a tale, all the while looking for he knows more than he lets. McConaughey's performance is seamless, and Matthew O'Leary plays Fenton as a boy, proud of anchoring the film. — R. Moore. (R: violence, language.) 1 hour, 34 minutes.

"GOSFORD PARK": There are or fights in this comic murder from director Robert Altman. No mistake, this is ballet on film, from its ultimate end to the meticulous re-creation of England of years gone by, but it's been treacherous, but it emerges triumphant, sprightly as elegantly as a stage ball on pointe, moving in unbelieve-

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Titles and showtimes subject to change. Call theaters for information.

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Showtimes for Friday April 26

Alameda County

Act 1 and 2

2120 Center Street, Berkeley 510-843-3456

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•Y Tu Mamá Tambien (Not Rated) 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45

Albany Twin

115 Seino Ave., Albany 510-843-3456

•Monsoon Wedding (R) 1, 4, 7, 10

•The Cat's Meow (PG-13) 12:30, 3:30, 6:45, 9:30

California Theatre

2113 Knechtel St., Berkeley 510-843-3456

•Theatre temporarily closed.

Century 16 Bayfair Mall

350 Bayfair Mall, San Leandro 510-276-5894

•All About the Benjamins (R) 8, 10

•Blade II (R) 12:30, 3:10, 5:45, 8:10, 10:35

•Changing Lanes (R) 12:05, 12:50, 2:20, 3:20, 4:35, 5:40, 6:55, 8:05, 9:15, 10:30

•Clockstoppers (PG) 12:20, 2:50, 5:35

•High Crimes (PG-13) 11:50, 2:25, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05

•Ice Age (PG) 11:35, 1:30, 3:25, 5:20, 7:20, 9:20

•Jason X (R) 12:40, 3, 5:15, 7:40, 10:10

•Life or Something Like It (PG-13) 11:55, 2:15, 4:40, 7:15, 9:40

•Murder by Numbers (R) 11:40, 2:20, 5, 7:35, 10:25

•Panic Room (R) 12:20, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20

•The Rookie (G) 1:10, 4:15, 7:10, 9:55

•The Scorpion King (PG-13) 11:25, 12:15, 1:45, 2:30, 3:15, 4:45, 5:30, 6:15, 7, 8, 9:45, 9:30, 10:15

•The Sweetest Thing (R) 11:30, 1:40, 3:45, 5:50, 7:55, 9:50

•Y Tu Mamá Tambien (Not Rated) 11:45, 2, 4:25, 7:05, 9:25

Century 25 Union City at Union Landing

32100 Alvarado Blvd., Union City 510-487-9583

•Blade II (R) 12:25, 3, 5:30, 8:10, 10:45

•Changing Lanes (R) 11:35, 12:35, 1:55, 3:10, 4:20, 5:35, 7, 8, 9:25, 10:25, 11:45

•Clockstoppers (PG) 12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:30, 9:50

•E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial: The 20th Anniversary (PG) 11:45, 2:30, 5:15

•Frailty (R) 11:50, 2:15, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40, 11:55

•High Crimes (PG-13) 11:30, 2, 4:35, 7:20, 8:05, 9:55, 10:40

•Ice Age (PG) 11:40, 12:40, 1:50, 2:55, 3:55, 5:05, 6:15, 8:20, 10:25

•Jason X (R) 12, 2:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:35, 11:50

•Life or Something Like It (PG-13) 11:35, 12:20, 2, 3, 4:30, 5:35, 7:05, 8:05, 9:35, 10:35, 12

•Murder by Numbers (R) 11:40, 12:55, 2:25, 3:50, 5:10, 7:10, 7:55, 9:55, 10:45

•National Lampoon's Van Wilder (R) 1:25, 5:40, 9:50

•Panic Room (R) 11:45, 1, 2:20, 3:35, 5, 6:50, 7:50, 9:25, 10:35, 12

•Resident Evil (R) 3:30, 7:45, 12

•The Rookie (G) 12:50, 3:45, 7:05, 10

•The Scorpion King (PG-13) 11:25, 11:55, 12:30, 1:05, 1:40, 2:15, 2:50, 3:25, 4, 4:35, 5:05, 5:45, 6:25, 7, 7:35, 8:10, 8:45, 9:20, 10, 10:30, 11:05, 11:45

•The Sweetest Thing (R) 11:30, 12:30, 1:35, 2:40, 3:45, 4:45, 5:55, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:30, 11:50

•The Time Machine (PG-13) 7:15, 9:45, 12

•Y Tu Mamá Tambien (Not Rated) 12:10, 2:40, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15

Chabot Cinema

2853 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 510-582-2555

•The Scorpion King (PG-13) 12:30, 2:45, 5, 7:15, 9:30

Chabot Space & Science Center

10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 510-336-7300

•Mysteries of Egypt (Not Rated) 1, 7:30

•The Living Sea (Not Rated) 11:30, 2, 8:30

•To Be an Astronaut (Not Rated) 10:30

Elmwood 3

2965 College Ave., Berkeley 510-649-0530

•Festival in Cannes (PG-13) 4:25, 9:15

•Gostord Park (R) 5:50

•Lantana (R) 4:30, 9:15

•No Man's Land (R) 7:10

•The Cherry Orchard (Not Rated) 6:30

•The Royal Tenenbaums (R) 4:40, 9:10

Fine Arts Cinema

2451 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-848-1143

•Antonio Gaudi (Not Rated) 7:15

•The Mystery of Picasso (Not Rated) 8:45

Renaissance Grand Lake

3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 510-452-3556

•Amadeus: Director's Cut (R) 4

•Murder by Numbers (R) 1, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15

•The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (PG-13) 12, 7:30

•The Saltin Sea (R) 11:45, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:45

•The Scorpion King (PG-13) 12:15, 2:45, 5, 7:15, 9:30

Jack London Cinema

100 Washington, Oakland 510-433-1320

•Changing Lanes (R) 11:45, 2:15, 4:50, 7:25, 9:55

•High Crimes (PG-13) 11:05, 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 10

•Ice Age (PG) 11:50, 2, 4:10, 6:15, 8:15

•Life or Something Like It (PG-13) 11:15, 1:45, 4:15, 7, 9:40

•My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 11:10, 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05

•Panic Room (R) 12:40, 3:45, 7:35, 10:20

•The Rookie (G) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30

•The Scorpion King (PG-13) 11, 1:20, 3:40, 6, 8:20, 10:40

Hayward 9

18901 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 510-785-8000

•A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) 1:50, 4:40, 7:30

•Blade II (R) 11:40, 2:10, 4:45, 7:50, 10:15

•Frailty (R) 11:10, 10:10

•Ice Age (PG) 11:20, 1:40, 4, 7:10, 9:20

•Jason X (R) 11, 2, 4:20, 8, 10:20

•Life or Something Like It (PG-13) 11, 2, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50

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•The Sweetest Thing (R) 11:15, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45

Nax 8 Cinemas

39400 Argonaut Way, Fremont 510-797-2000

•Amekken (Not Rated) 5, 9

•Aap Mujhe Achche Lagne Laga (Not Rated) 5, 7, 9, 11

•Company (Not Rated) 5, 9

•Pyar Dewana Hote Hai (Not Rated) 5, 7, 9, 11

•Tumse Achche Kaut Hai (Not Rated) 5, 9

•Wings of Hope (Not Rated) 5, 7, 9, 11

Renaissance Oaks Theatre

1675 Sears Avenue, Berkeley 510-526-1036

•Death to Smoochy (R) 7:15, 9:30

•The Rookie (G) 7, 9:25

Parkway Theater

1834 Park Blvd., Oakland 510-814-2400

•A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) 9:15

•Death to Smoochy (R) 9:45

•Gostord Park (R) 7

•Monster's Ball (R) 6:30

Piedmont Theatre

4186 Piedmont Ave., Oakland 510-843-3456

•Amekken (R) 2:15, 7:15

•Kissing Jessica Stein (R) 4:45, 9:45

•The Cat's Meow (PG-13) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15

•Y Tu Mamá Tambien (Not Rated) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30

Shattuck Cinemas

2320 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-3456

•A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) 1:15, 4, 6:45, 9:30

•Amekken (R) 1:35, 6:45

•Changing Lanes (R) 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10

•Human Nature (R) 4:15, 9:15

•Italian for Beginners (R) 2:10, 4:30, 6:50, 9:20

•Kissing Jessica Stein (R) 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45

•Monster's Ball (R) 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:10

•My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 12:55, 3:10, 5:25, 7:40, 9:55

•Panic Room (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 9:50

•Son of the Bride (R) 1:20, 4:05, 6:55, 9:40

•The Saltin Sea (R) 1:10, 3:45, 7, 9:25

United Artists Berkeley

2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-1487

•High Crimes (PG-13) 9:45

•Ice Age (PG) 11:15, 2, 4:30, 7:10

•Jason X (R) 11:55, 2:30, 4:55, 7:30, 10:10

•Life or Something Like It (PG-13) 11:20, 2:20, 5:10, 8, 10:50

•Murder by Numbers (R) 11:05, 2:05, 5, 7:50, 10:45

•The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (PG-13) 11, 2

Reviews

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its 1932 and times are changing for Jerry Altman's camera dips, whirrs along, lying through the moon- and uppers of a country estate and the (respectably) but increasingly resentful (respectably) he hasn't been this good in a long time. — M. Pols. (R: some language) 1 hour, 17 minutes. **A**

CRIMES By-the-books-thriller, the film's final twist that's supposed to be a surprise, but doesn't since it's been foreshadowed since the beginning. Judd plays her usual, feisty smarty-pants, a yuppie lawyer who raves to the cops about her husband (Jim Caviezel), who's put on trial in a military court for a war crime he allegedly committed in 1968. Judd's not pushing herself as hard as she's got some fun moments, and the picture's mediocrity is elevated by the presence of Morgan Freeman playing a recovering alcoholic (playing a recovering alcoholic).

CRIMINAL MINDS Written by Charlie Krulwich ("Berg John Makovich"), the series continues its run in a police procedural room, at a Senate hearing, or at least the afterlife of the main characters are all relating to a story from their unique perspective. Best-selling writer Lita Lottus called the series "a being killed by a detective who are soon to be killed by their digressions into the Earth's philosophy. Puff (Rhys) is a seemingly erudite young man with a scruffy beard, is relating to a government panel how he used to be a monk and scientist Nathan Bronfman (Tim Daly) is relating to us from an all-white room in the hereafter. The film's narrative is so convoluted, but don't be surprised if you become a cult favorite. Movies like "The Usual Suspects" are few and far between. — R. Butler. (R: nudity, language) 1 hour, 36 minutes. **C+**

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INDEPENDENT This "documentary" of Morty Fineman stars Jerry Fineman, the prolific producer and director of the film. It's all a spoof, of course, except in a loose-jointed, semi-deadpan complete with excerpts from Fineman's fictional exploitation films. As Jerry Fineman is a self-righting, generally amiable artist who has made his films have serious messages, the film also features a bevy of wily, witty characters displaying their wit at every opportunity. Standing by are his devoted daughter and son, and partner, Paloma (Jeanne Garofalo), his loyal assistant, Jan (Max), who brings along its joke just long enough to keep from wearing out its well-worn. — S. Holden. (R: topless women, strong language) 1 hour, 25 minutes. **B**

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out-loud hilarious. Now for the bad part: After providing such insight in such a charming way, its ending is just too pat and safe. Jennifer Westfeldt and Heather Juergensen are charming actresses, almost making you forget the stinky ending. — C. Lemire. (R: sexual content and language) 1 hour, 36 minutes. **C+**

"LANTANA" The discovery of a corpse sets the theme for this movie, though it is just as much a police thriller as it is a complex psychological investigation into the nature and difficulties of marriage. The film focuses on four couples, and with a cast top-lined by Anthony LaPaglia, Geoffrey Rush and Barbara Hershey, it doesn't lack for the intensity and emotion to make its story convincing. All these people figure in the story attached to that corpse. Although we eventually get the information we need, little of it comes to us directly. Rather, "Lantana" feeds us knowledge slowly and obliquely. This remarkably thoughtful drama makes it clear not only how hard it is to come by any emotional comfort in this life, but more importantly, why we can't give up on the struggle. — K. Turan. (R: language and sexuality) 2 hours. **A-**

"LOLA" This rerelease of Jacques Demy's classic 1961 film stars Anouk Aimée as a cabaret dancer (read: hooker) carrying a torch for a jerk boyfriend who walked out on her and then her sons years ago. Starmeyed Roland (Marc Michel) dreams of dropping everything and hopping a freighter for some exotic port. Lola is Roland's boyhood crush who has fallen on hard times. Instead of dreaming of the South Seas, Lola does scanty black lingerie and performs at the infamous El Dorado cabaret, which caters to American sailors. Like Demy's other ruminations on unrequited love, this one is languid and dreamy in tone. The plot is water-thin and jarringly melodramatic. Aimée, however, is reason enough to catch this import (in French with English subtitles). — G. Lovell. (NR: sexual situations) 1 hour, 33 minutes. **B**

"LUCKY BREAK" An amiably engaging British prison comedy with just enough serious shading to set off its humor. Jimmy (James Nesbitt) and Rudy (Lennie James) are lifelong pals who've grown up to be inept crooks who land in a prison run by Graham Mortimer (Christopher Plummer), a decent sort with a love of musicals. Jimmy arrives in a defiant mood, but his lot improves when Mortimer discovers that Jimmy loves musicals, too. Jimmy is swiftly enlisted to help mount an inmate production and has also been urged to sign up for an anger management course conducted by the head of the prison support unit, Annabel (Olivia Williams). Lightly reflective and consistently entertaining, "Lucky Break" is an easy-to-take diversion. — K. Thomas. (PG-13: brief strong language and some sexual references.) 1 hour, 49 minutes. **B**

"MONSOON WEDDING" An accomplished and entrancing blend of comedy and drama from director Mira Nair ("Mississippi Masala"). Over four days, a flustered Punjabi patriarch prepares for an arranged marriage between his only daughter and an engineer from Houston. Unfortunately the bride is still in love with her married lover, and her spinster cousin is about to drop a bombshell on the family. As thoroughly satisfying, subtle, steamy and balanced between serious and joyous as the best weddings actually are. — M. Pols. (R: language, including some sex-related dialogue) 1 hour, 54 minutes. **A-**

"MONSTER'S BALL" Loneliness hangs over the first half of director Mark Forster's movie like a sheet of rain: the loneliness of a single mother (Halle Berry), of a man going to the electric chair (Sean Combs) and a friendless racist who has just realized he has nothing to live for (Billy Bob Thornton). Berry and Thornton are both outstanding as a pair of unlikely lovers. A bleak and beautiful movie, and while the rain never stops, it does ease up, offering one of the most delicately redemptive stories we've seen since "Dead Man Walking." — M. Pols. (R: strong sexual content, language, violence) 1 hour, 48 minutes. **A**

"MULHOLLAND DR." At the end of this mind-blowing, all you can do is laugh. David Lynch has once again led us on a merry dance through a minefield littered with freaks, apple-pie moments we can't trust, terrifying weirdoes and puzzling, possibly pointless scenes. A beautiful amnesiac and a cheery, innocent ingenue set out to solve a mystery. Then they become different people. Chances are it's all a dream, or at least half a dream. Makes "Memento" look easy to understand. Lynch probably won't win himself any new fans with this one, but old ones will enjoy this excursion into his creative mind. — M. Pols. (R: violence, language and some strong sexuality) 2 hours, 26 minutes. **B+**

"MURDER BY NUMBERS" A somber, slow-paced thriller from director Barbet Schroeder, in which Sandra Bullock takes on a much darker character than usual. She plays a surly, sexually aggressive, arrogant homicide detective, the kind of woman who uses and abuses her cute new partner (Ben Chaplin) in and out of the workplace, and she's surprisingly good at this deviation from her customary girl-next-door parts. They're working their first case together, trying to crack a murder without a motive. The best reason to see this flick is for the two young men who play the teen-age suspects (Ryan Gosling and Michael Pitt, both of whom are likely to be among the best actors of their generation). — M. Pols. (R: for violence, language, a sex scene and brief drug use) 1 hour, 59 minutes. **B**

"MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING" Tola (Nia Vardalos) is considered a

freak of nature in the Chicago Greek community because she's still single at 30. While working at her father's restaurant, she waits on a guy who's so gorgeous, he paralyzes her with awe — then inspires her to undergo a makeover. Ian (John Corbett), a high school teacher, falls for her, too. Her Old-Country parents don't approve of him at first; his WASPY parents treat her like she's from another planet. But because both families want their children to be happy, you know everything will work out in the end. Vardalos and Corbett together are likable enough to make this movie more tolerable than the average romantic comedy. — C. Lemire. (PG: sensuality and language) 1 hour, 35 minutes. **C+**

"NATIONAL LAMPOON'S VAN WILDER" Part of the vast vintagenic conspiracy in Hollywood is to remake "Animal House." Ryan Reynolds is a seven-year veteran of Coolidge College. He's a beloved figure on campus, so much so that he never wants to graduate. But Dad, played by Tim Matheson, cuts off Van's tuition money, Van and his sidekick, Hutch (Rick Holmes), and new Indian assistant, Taj (Kai Pen), have to come up with the cash, by any means necessary. Topless tutoring, party-planning and other schemes ensue. — R. Moore. (R: strong sexual content, gross humor, language and some drug content.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. **D**

"THE OTHER SIDE OF HEAVEN" This directing debut by Brigham Young University grad Michael Davis is an unabashed Mormon propaganda piece disguised as an adventure film. It recounts the spiritual initiation of John Groberg (Christopher Gorham), an Idaho native who leaves behind a girlfriend (Anne Hathaway of "The Princess Diaries") in the '50s to be a missionary in the South Sea Kingdom of Tonga. Not since English missionary Ingrid Bergman saved the Chinese from the dark instincts in "Inn of the Sixth Happiness" has there been such a narcissistic screen spectacle of white Christian chauvinism vs. the dark-skinned heathen. — J. Stuart. (PG: thematic elements and brief disturbing images) 1 hour, 53 minutes. **F**

"PANIC ROOM" Ignore the hype — and go see this thriller about a woman and her daughter trapped in their home with three male intruders. Star Jodie Foster is a superb match for director David Fincher ("Seven," "Fight Club"), who excels in showing the physical expression of the psychological interior. Foster, as freshly divorced Meg Altman, and her smart, bitter daughter Sarah (an excellent performance by Kristen Stewart) move into a four-story brownstone with a "panic room" complete with impenetrable steel walls, surveillance monitors and independent air, water and electrical supply. They must resort to that room the very first night after three men (Jared Leto, Forest Whitaker, Dwight Yoakum) break in, and the standoff begins, since what the intruders want lies within the panic room. — V. Chan. (R: violence, language) 1 hour, 48 minutes. **A**

"THE ROOKIE" Critics tend to complain a lot about the violence and stupidity that pervades American cinema, so you might wonder whether we then feel obliged to praise a Grated movie like this baseball movie simply because it's squeaky-clean. Not so. "The Rookie" is a good movie not because of what it leaves out, but because of what it leaves in. It's got a quiet, gentle grace, decency and dignity. Dennis Quaid plays Jim Morris, a real pitcher whose career was cut short as a young man because of a shoulder injury. Now he's teaching high school chemistry and coaching the local version of the Bad News Bears. When his team makes a bet with him, he unexpectedly finds himself with a fresh chance at the game he loves. The resolution of his relationship with his cold unfeling father (Brian Cox) is a bit pat, but this is a lovely family movie. Quaid gives a genuine, understated performance. Rachel Griffiths plays his wife, Angus T. Jones his beguiling son. — M. Pols. (G) 2 hours. **B+**

"THE SCORPION KING" There are two choices: You can laugh at The Rock or laugh with him as he poses, flexes, glowers and pie-dives his way through a string of violent dust-ups in ancient Egypt. The safe bet is you'll laugh with him. Reprising his brief role in last year's "The Mummy Returns," The Rock stars as Mathayus, one of the last survivors of an ancient race of assassins. At its core, the movie is a doozy of a street brawl, fueled by The Rock's hulking presence. He's a physically riveting specimen who manages enough drollery in his delivery to convince audiences that someone's actually home beneath all that muscle. — D. Germain. (PG-13: intense sequences of action violence and some sexuality) 1 hour, 31 minutes. **C+**

"SON OF THE BRIDE" Argentina's very worthy Oscar nominee for best foreign film. A Buenos Aires restaurant owner has a midlife crisis, which includes angst over his mother's decline into Alzheimer's disease, and alternates between amusing and touching. Drags a bit, but emotionally rewarding. — M. Pols. (R: language) 2 hours, 4 minutes. **B+**

"THE SWEETEST THING" No, it's the saddest, most wasteful, rankest thing. Even the usually charming Cameron Diaz leaves us cold in this tasteless story of a San Francisco girl on a quest to find love with the guy she talked with for two minutes in a cheesy club one night. As Cameron's best gal pal, Selma Blair is the script's pathetic sex toy, though the surprisingly gifted Christina Applegate miraculously escapes with her dignity intact. — M. Pols. (R: strong sexual content and language) 1 hour, 24 minutes. **D-**

"Y TU MAMÁ TAMBIÉN" A captivatingly truthful Mexican film about two teen-age boys and a sexy woman 10 years their senior on a road trip from Mexico City to a beautiful beach that may exist only in the boys' imaginations. Flush from their recent sexual adventures with their teen girlfriends, the boys (Diego Luna and Gael García Bernal) are cocky, audacious and sure they are ready for sex on the beach with a woman like Luisa (Maribel Verdú). Their true innocence is laid bare as the trip takes unexpected twists. The film manages to explore eroticism, class differences and the tumult of Mexico without a second of preachiness, and leaves us with the reminder that just because our eyes have been opened doesn't mean we won't slam them shut again. — M. Pols. (NR: explicit sexual scenes and very strong language) 1 hour, 45 minutes. **A-**

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One reason I don't go to pro sporting events any more is because of incidents like the one this week in Detroit before a Stanley Cup playoff game against Toronto: One week after an American pilot accidentally killed four Canadian soldiers, some blockheads in the crowd compounded the injury by booing Canada's national anthem, "O Canada." Real classy ...

Speaking of no-class acts, the award for same locally goes hands-down to radio station KMEI, which had, yes, another outburst of violence at one of its sponsored events, this at Great America. (The park had to be evacuated.) As KTVU's newscasts last weekend reminded us, it's the fourth time a gathering sponsored by the urban-music station (a constant purveyor of misogynistic, macho lyrics) has gone bad. If Great America knew about the station's dubious history, it's amazing that it went ahead anyway. What's not surprising are reports that KMEI management tried to duck blame for

their latest fiasco ...

Speaking of embarrassing radio stations, is it just a coincidence that former, talent-impaired "Alice" morning co-anchor "Vinnie" Crackhorn disappeared from the air at about the same time as the trial over his sexist "skank" remarks on the air convened? Or might his banishment simply be because Vinnie has no discernible talent whatsoever — except for being relentlessly juvenile and annoying? (You've seen the station's embarrassing TV ads; judge for yourself.) If it's the latter, why did it take "Alice@97.3" management four years to discover that it was Sarah, not Vinnie, who made people tune in ...

KCBS Radio anchor/reporter Betsy Rosenberg, who's been doing an eco-friendly "Trash Talk" segment on the all-news station for several years, has changed that great, catchy name to "Eco Talk," explaining, "It's not just about landfills any more." More on the energetic and dedicated newswoman/environmentalist soon ...

A recent New Republic piece reinforced something I've been wondering for some time, and was glad to finally see in print: Why doesn't GOP Sen. John

McCain, who, the magazine says, votes more often than not with Democrats these days, just change his party affiliation? He'd probably be a shoe-in for the Democratic nomination, says the mag (I agree) and the upcoming film based on McCain's book, "Faith of Our Fathers," would also provide a boost for his candidacy ...

Speaking of matters political, the Chron's s/CNBC's resident fast talker, political analyst/catalyst Chris Matthews, said on KGO's morning talk show the other day that former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak told him (Matthews is such a name-dropper) recently that "Arafat has electricity in his office. He just chooses not to use it when he's interviewed. It looks more dramatic with candlelight."

If what Barak supposedly said to Matthews is true, then, like other political figures (and TV anchors), even Arafat knows about being properly lit — or, in his case, not lit at all. I can just see Arafat's handlers now: "The dark works for you, Yasser."

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Events

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disabilities and the Annual Second Clearance Sale in the studio. Free. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and by appointment. 355 24th St., Oakland. (510) 836-2340 or www.creativegrowth.org

EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT — "Familiar Sights, Unfamiliar Vision: An Exploration of Anthony Chabot Regional Park," through Feb. 1.

Free. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oakland Administration Building, Second Floor Lobby, 375 11th St., Oakland. (510) 287-0143.

GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION — "The Works of Alexander Nepote," Jan. 4 through March 29. The artist was deeply influenced by theologian Paul Tillich and used layered painting of torn pieces of watercolor paper, fused together in landscape images. In the Bade Museum, 1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley. (510) 849-8272. Reception, Jan. 28, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. "Holocaust Drawings," through Jan. 25. An exhibit of 21 works on paper by Cleve Gray, representing a "catharsis" in which color invites consideration of the Holocaust in ways unattainable through words or text.

Free. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley. (510) 649-2541.

HALL OF PIONEERS GALLERY — "Oakland Chinatown Pioneers," open-ended. Twelve showcases each focusing on historic leaders and personalities of the community. Free. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Chinese Garden Building, 275 Seventh St., Oakland. (510) 530-4590.

KALA ARTS INSTITUTE — "Kala Artists Annual," through Jan. 31. All Kala artists-in-residence who worked in the studio during 2001 display their works. Free. Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. 1060 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. (510) 549-2977 or www.kala.org

OAKLAND ART GALLERY — "Reconstructing Reality," closing Jan. 5. A group exhibition of artists' responses to the events of Sept. 11. Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland. (510) 637-0395 or www.oaklandculturalarts.org

PRO ARTS — "Juried Annual 2001-02," through Feb. 2. An exhibition of painting, sculpture, mixed media, photography and more by Bay Area and regional artists. Artists' Talks, Jan. 19, 1 p.m. Free. 461 Ninth St., Oakland. (510) 763-4361.

ROYAL GROUND GALLERY — "Beginnings," Jan. 4 through March 31. A gallery exhibit of paintings, photography and graphic arts by eight artists. Reception, Jan. 9, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Free. Daily, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. 2058 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. (510) 339-0348.

TRAYWICK GALLERY — "Dennis Begg: New Work" and "Steve Briscoe: New Works on Paper," Jan. 5 through Feb. 9. Begg's work explores memory

as the building block of consciousness, learning and experience by modifying photographs and portraits. Briscoe addresses issues of identity through evocative combinations of text and imagery.

Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and by appointment. 1316 Tenth St., Berkeley. (510) 527-1214 or www.traywick.com

UC BERKELEY ART MUSEUM — "Ansel Adams from the University of California Collections," through March 10. A selection of photographs and memorabilia from the extensive holdings of the University of California's Bancroft Library. \$6 general; \$4 seniors and students age 12 to 18; free Thursday 11 a.m. to noon and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. (510) 642-0808 or www.bampfa.berkeley.edu

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AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM AND LIBRARY — "Tengo Casa 500 Anos: Beyond the Middle Passage, Africa's Legacy in the Americas," closing May 4. A photographic exhibition representing the 10-year odyssey of photographer Anthony Gleaton to research and document the descendants of Africans who were brought to Mexico, Central and South America during the height of colonial Spain's involvement in the slave trade. "Golden Road to Freedom: The African Legacy in California, 1775-1900," ongoing. An exhibit focusing on the role that people of African descent played in later expeditions and settlements before the annexation of California.

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EBONY MUSEUM OF ARTS — A museum specializing in the art and history of Africa. The collection, which was on display in the museum's Jack London Village branch, has been incorporated with the material in the 14th Street Victorian Museum building, the site of the original museum.

Free admission; \$2 guided tour. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1034 14th St., Oakland. (510) 763-0141.

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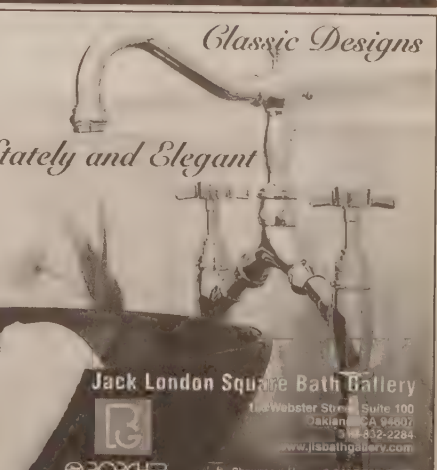
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

Children

The Crowden School, 1475 Rose St., presents the Crowden School Faculty Showcase at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 5. The program, a part of the schools "Crowden Sundays at Four" series, will begin with a pre-concert talk at 3:15 p.m. The concert begins at 4 p.m. The musicians who teach at Crowden School will showcase their talents featuring strings, piano and vocal chamber music. Admission is \$10; under 18 free.

The Santa Fe Bar and Grill, 1310 University Ave., Berkeley, hosts a Sunday brunch featuring the Berkeley High School Jazz Ensemble from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, April 28. Tickets, which include the Santa Fe Bar and Grill's brunch, can be obtained from Megan Steelman, at 524-0332. Admission is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children under 10. For more information, visit the Web site at www.bhs.berkeley.k12.ca.us/arts/performance/jazz.

Ten Support Group meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free support group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. For more information, call PediatricCare at 531-7551.

Check out books from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is located at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 848-0237.

Hall of Health, 2230 Shattuck Ave., a health exhibit museum of Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppet shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, features puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a hands-on community, health-education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 549-9682.

The City of El Cerrito, offers special programs for children from 22 months to 5 years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22

months to 3-1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Mooser Lane. For more information, call Judie, 215-4371.

LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parent Groups meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560 classes.

Community

A Mayoral Convention takes place at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Meet the candidates, hear their visions for Berkeley and select a mayoral candidate who can bring Berkeley together and address the real issues. The event is organized by the November Coalition for a New Mayor. There will be music, food and fun. For more information, call 644-3662.

Music

MusicSources presents southwest keyboard artist Kathleen McIntosh at 5 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at 1000 The Alameda at Marin, Berkeley. McIntosh performs Bach's rarely heard "Art of Fugue." Following the presentation, plan to remain for a reception and an opportunity to explore MusicSources and its historic instruments. Admission: General \$18, MS members, seniors, students, \$15. For reservations, call 528-1685.

Chamber Music Sundae, featuring William Bennett, principal oboist of the San Francisco Symphony takes place at 3:15 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at the St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. The program includes a concert of Oboe Quartet by Mozart and Britten and a String Quartet by Brahms. Tickets at the door \$18; \$14 for students and seniors; \$8 for youth under 18. For more information, call 415-584-5946.

Lecture/Workshop

UC Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Drive, presents a free spring garden event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 27. Hear UC scientists Dave Rizzo and Matteo Garbelotto talk about Sudden Oak Death or take a walk around the garden with a horticultural expert and get free gardening advice. For more information, call 643-2755.

The Magnes Museum presents a lecture by author Hector Feliciano at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism, North Gate Hall, Library. Feliciano discusses his book "The Lost Museum: The Nazi Conspiracy to Steal the World's Greatest Works of Art," revealing new evidence for the Nazi's systematic looting of private Jewish art collections. For more information, call 415-591-8800 or log on at Web site at www.magnesmuseum.org.

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BY TRIP PAYNE/EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

ACROSS

- 1 Bad strokes
- 8 Walking difficulties
- 13 Was against
- 20 Panegyrics
- 21 Designer Mizrahi
- 22 It needs to be kept in shape
- 23 Not budging
- 24 Alternative music?
- 26 Alternative newspaper?
- 28 Several periods
- 29 Fork-tailed fliers
- 30 Is on the verge of
- 34 Detesting
- 40 The Zone, for one
- 42 A S.A.P. section
- 43 Tale of derring-do
- 47 Marauder of yore
- 48 Place for a platform: Abbr.
- 49 Delicate decoration
- 50 Alternative lifestyle?
- 54 Most important
- 55 "___ bueno!"
- 56 Literary prize
- 57 Penitents
- 58 Mantra sounds
- 59 Rotten
- 60 Rotten
- 61 Dutch explorer with an island named after him
- 64 Alternative energy?

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- 2 ___ Iranian languages
- 3 Kind of tissue
- 4 ___ habits
- 5 Mogadishu-born model
- 6 Salon workers, at times
- 7 Zen enlightenment
- 8 Demoselle
- 9 "___ the Sheriff" (1974 #1 song)
- 10 Evasive response
- 11 What Commodus called Marcus
- 12 "Bei Mir Bist Du"
- 13 Little bit
- 14 When repeated, part of French Polynesia
- 15 Put together, as pages in a book
- 16 Worked the land
- 17 Kind of cross
- 18 "___ he drove out of sight ..."
- 19 Prefix with function
- 25 Panner, with "the"
- 27 Like a string bean
- 31 Party divider, at times
- 32 Fix, as a driveway may be

ACROSS

- 67 Alternative theater?
- 71 Gather (up)
- 72 "That's really something!"
- 73 Preceder of
- 74 Preceder of
- 75 The Duke of Cornwall's wife, in Shakespeare
- 78 A chorus line
- 80 N.B.A.'s Unseed
- 81 Mimic
- 82 Alternative medicine?
- 86 Song to Apollo
- 87 Give it ___
- 88 Piece on a pedestal
- 89 Big fast team
- 90 Kind of bagel
- 91 More filled-out
- 94 Sagittarius
- 96 Floral leaf
- 97 Some Air Force NCO's
- 102 Get down
- 103 Alternative comedy?
- 112 Alternative school?
- 115 Have an afternoon snack
- 116 Rambeau
- 117 Sash restaurant supplier
- 118 Never-ending
- 119 Women, to poets
- 120 Golden Hind captain

DOWN

- 33 Ignores one's wanderlust
- 34 "The Stars, Like Dust" author
- 35 Comet competitor
- 36 Theory introduced by Jan Smuts
- 37 "___ unrelated note ..."
- 38 Beta follower
- 39 Firm up
- 40 Trapper's haul
- 41 Shakers founder Lee
- 44 Decade flat out
- 45 Taylor's third
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- 47 Goldilocks of the seven
- 50 Check to the IRS?
- 51 Country singer
- 52 Sumatran simian
- 53 Boxlike sled
- 55 Dallas squad, to fans
- 59 Psychologist
- 60 Tool used on pineapples
- 62 Sport with pigeons
- 63 Korean War sights
- 65 Gulf of ___
- 66 Board
- 67 Take one's sweet time
- 80 Leak preventer
- 81 Lake "Spanish" in Spanish Abbr.
- 83 Go after, in a way
- 84 Need correcting
- 85 It has a husk
- 86 Part of a speed
- 90 Gorge
- 92 "Symphony of a Thousand" composer
- 93 Works with straw
- 95 Rabbit season?
- 97 ___ Miguel
- 98 (Across island)
- 99 Complaining
- 100 United syllables
- 101 2001 DreamWorks hit
- 104 Comic strip "Big"
- 105 Chihuahua neighbor: Abbr.
- 106 Fictional governess
- 107 TV exec's work

Theater, Dance & Film

BATango, the Bay Area's oldest Tango Society, presents a free lecture, demonstration and lesson from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at Berkeley Public Library's North Branch. Participants are invited to wear their dancing shoes and enjoy a free lesson. All are welcome at this free afternoon celebration of the Argentine tango, which is very different from the ballroom version. Call 981-6250 for more information.

Shotgun Players continue its 10th anniversary season with "Medea," opening Saturday, April 27 through Thursday, June 1, at UC Theatre, 2036

University Ave. Time: 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays; 7 p.m. Sundays. "Medea," a demi-goddess and woman scorned, acts out her fury toward her husband Jason by murdering their children. Tickets: \$18 adults \$12 for children, seniors and TBA members (\$25 opening night; \$10 previews). Call 704-8210 for reservations. Visit the Web site www.shotgunplayers.org for more information.

National Dance Week, an evening of World Dance, takes place at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at Mahe Uchiyama Center for International Dance, 729 Heinz Ave. The program features performances by the apprentice company

of the Chhandam School of Kathak (Dance of North India). FatChanceBellyDance (Tribal Belly Dance) and the KaulaTahine Polynesian Dance Company (Songs and dances of Hawaii and Tahiti.) Admission is free. For more information, call 845-2605.

Auditions for "The Heidi Chronicles," will be held by Actors Ensemble of Berkeley, the City's oldest stage company, at Live Oak Theatre, 1301

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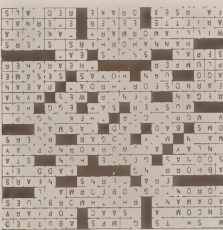
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OF NAME
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Section D

Classic Classics: 'MADAME X' Cadillac restored [D2]

DAVE VAN SICKLE
Down the Road

Chrysler turning junk into car parts

MOTOR MATTERS
Innovative recycling technology
what most people think of as
"junk" into a valuable product
potentially saving the auto in-
dustry as much as \$320 million per

year. That's a significant number for
the automotive industry, which is
trying to cut costs in the face
of a dollar-to-yen exchange rate that
import manufacturers as
as a 30 percent advantage in
manufacturing cost. Every nickel
counts.

The program was shown for the
first time in Chrysler Group's CARE
the second phase of CARE
program for Concepts for Advanced
Design and Environmental —
demonstration program.

The goals of the program are to
increase the recyclability and re-
duce the weight and increase the
use of recycled materials in pro-
ducts.

This project demonstrates that
the industry can "care" for the envi-
ronment while protecting the bot-
tom line," said Bernard Robertson,
vice president of Engineering and Regulatory

Automobiles are already one of
the most recycled products on the
planet, but this technology presents
a real world solution to recy-
cling the remaining 25 percent of the
car that still goes to a landfill." Chrysler Group worked with 26



PONTIAC'S NEW CROSSOVER, the Vibe, gives drivers as much view of the road as large SUVs, but gets gas mileage of a much smaller vehicle.

All-new Pontiac Vibe difficult vehicle to describe

MOTOR MATTERS
When Lynn Myers said the Pon-
tiac Vibe defies traditional classi-
fication, she was absolutely correct.
I drove this vehicle for a week and
still don't know what it is.

If Myers, the general manager
of Pontiac-GMC, is unable to cate-
gorize the Vibe, then I don't feel too
badly.

The purpose of this vehicle, I'm
told, is to appeal to younger buy-
ers who haven't zeroed in on ex-
actly what they want. The Vibe is
an ideal choice.

This vehicle encompasses a

sports car, sporty wagon and sport
utility — at an affordable price:
\$16,340.

The design is a combination of
smooth lines and a rugged ap-
pearance, plus an adjustable roof
rack usually associated with a
sporty wagon or SUV.

"Yet it is unmistakably Pontiac,"
said John Mack, chief designer.

His reference was to "the cat-
eye headlamps, recessed fog
lamps and rear cornering lamps."

Even without the lights, the front
nose is distinctively Pontiac, and to
make the Vibe more appealing to

TOM KEANE
Keane on Wheels

young people, it is available in a
wide range of colors.

As small as the Vibe is, the pas-
senger compartment has sufficient
room for five passengers.

The rear liftgate can be opened
in two ways: the glass window rises
separately or the entire liftgate can
be raised.

Storage space is limited, but the

rear seat backrest can fold down
flat for additional storage.

The rear also has eight ad-
justable tie-downs to keep cargo
secure. Throughout the vehicle are
numerous trays and bins for stor-
ing the things that won't fit in the
glove compartment.

The front seat also folds down
flat, making it useful as a table.

This table could hold something
requiring a 115-volt wall-type plug
since the outlet is located near the
center of the dash.

Options include a DVD-based
navigational system with remote six-

speaker CD changer. A 200-watt
premium audio system and the Ra-
dio Data System are also available.

The instrumentation has an un-
usual design with the dials at the
base of deep wells and numerals
illuminated in bright red.

Yet the numbers identifying ra-
dio stations are too small and dif-
ficult to read, especially when the
sun shines on the dial.

The Pontiac people stressed the
structural design's crash avoidance
and crash protection. The Vibe

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1930 Madame X Cadillac makes a man happy

MOTOR MATTERS

Under a shroud of secrecy begun in 1926, Cadillac decided to leapfrog its competitors and create a V16 engine. With the rest of the car designed to match the ultra-exclusive engine, Cadillac intended to unseat Packard's domination of the luxury car market.

Cadillac produced the exquisite V16 engines beginning with the 1930 model year. Unfortunately, the V16 Cadillacs appeared only months after the stock market crash of 1929 plunged the nation into the Great Depression. Still, there were those who could afford luxury transportation.

The V16 was essentially a pair of straight eight engines sharing a common crankshaft. Each side of the engine had its separate fuel distribution and exhaust system. The magnificent 452-cubic-inch overhead valve engine developed at least 165 horsepower.

The V16 didn't even resemble other engines. It was the first engine that had its appearance enhanced by an artistic stylist.

Handsome covers concealed unsightly wires and hoses while the bulk of the V16 was a masterpiece of porcelain, polished aluminum, stainless steel, chrome plating and gleaming enamel.

Inspired by "Madame X," a popular stage production of the era directed by Lionel Barrymore and starring Ruth Chatterton, an exclusive "Madame X" V16 model was created.

"Madame X" V16 Cadillacs were usually identified by a flat, one-piece windshield supported by thin, slightly raked windshield pillars with lines flowing smoothly into the beltline molding at the cowl. The four side windows were trimmed on all sides with a thin line of chrome.

The unique "Madame X" Cadillacs had

VERN PARKER
Classic Classics

intrigued Pete Sanders. In 1999 he decided to find a "Madame X" car. Most of the few survivors had been restored and were priced out of sight.

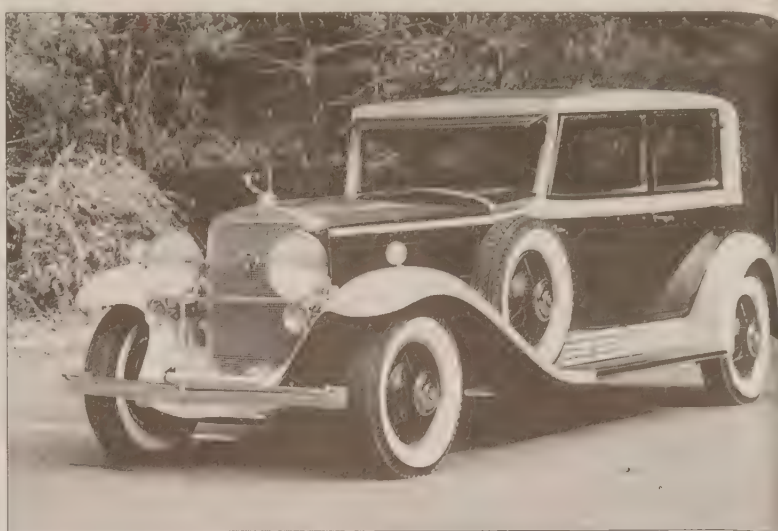
Sanders did locate a raw 1930 "Madame X" Cadillac in Kansas City, Kan., and bought it. It was an abused, yet elegantly proportioned, close-coupled style 4161-S Club Sedan. Most importantly, the wood skeleton, upon which the body is formed, had been recently replaced.

"The five-passenger aluminum body was OK," Sanders says. The remainder of the car was steel and, "The rust was amazing. The car had been stripped before I got it," he says. "It was a junkyard car."

Once the trucking company had delivered the car to his Virginia home, Sanders fired up the mighty 16-cylinder engine. "I ran the engine 30 seconds at most," he says.

That was long enough to envelop the neighborhood in smoke. "That was depressing," Sanders recalls. However, he still wanted to get the restoration project going and set about rebuilding the V16. "If it could come apart," he says of the thousands of pieces comprising the car, "it came apart."

The left front corner of the frame was severely damaged, leading Sanders to believe the wreck occurred early on and then the Cadillac had sat for years, rusting away in a junkyard. He carefully straightened the frame and cut out cancerous metal, replacing it with healthy steel. "I primed and sanded it about 100 times," a patient Sanders explains.



THIS 1930 "MADAME X" Cadillac was painstakingly restored after being found in a junkyard.

With the rebuilt V16 engine once more healthy and producing 165-horsepower, Sanders gently lowered the massive engine until it was nestled in place behind the 17 thermostatically operated shutters on the large radiator. Flanking the radiator are a pair of enormous headlight buckets, each housing a lens 11 1/2 inches in diameter.

Atop each front fender is a smaller parking light version of the headlights, each with a 3-1/2-inch diameter lens. "This car was built when they still put some effort into them," notes Sanders.

Attention to detail sets this car apart — details such as running board courtesy

lights, chrome-plated klaxon horns with 11-inch trumpets, six ventilator doors on each side — five on the engine hood and one on the cowl — and of course, two adjustments for the rear seat.

Sanders points out a unique ventilation feature on his "Madame X" Cadillac, explaining that 70 or so years ago virtually everyone smoked tobacco products of some kind.

Around the perimeter of the dome light above the rear seat is a slotted vent.

When the windshield is raised an inch or two with a hand crank the breeze wafting into the car carries any smoke out through the ceiling vent and on out the

rooftop vent atop the 6-foot, 1-inch

The restoration of the 18-foot-long "Madame X" V16 Cadillac was completed Oct. 8, 2001. Sitting in the seat, gazing at the 120-mph speed, Sanders admits, "I haven't had a mph, but it's smooth."

When driving the Cadillac he "I feel confident and satisfied steady."

Now that his dream is fulfilled, Sanders advises anyone with an impossible dream. "You can't be concerned about money. He adds that if a certain car can make you happy, "Money can be in the way."

Road

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production suppliers and Salt Lake City-based Recovery Plastics International to retrofit two Jeep Grand Cherokees with 54 recycled plastic parts.

It was the first automaker to use RPI's proprietary plastic flotation technology to separate the myriad plastic types found in automotive shredder residue — which goes to landfill — and use the recovered plastic to manufacture new vehicle parts.

The best news is that the recycled parts meet the same material specifications required for production vehicles.

In addition to working with traditional supplier partners and RPI, the Chrysler Group enlisted the support of two large metal recycling companies: the David J. Joseph Company, based in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Hugo Neo Corporation of New York City.

By working with metal recyclers and supply partners, the CARE Car project demonstrated that a market does exist for the recovered plastic and that the recycled plastic can be used to create quality parts at a lower cost while reducing waste to landfills.

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comes with two-stage dual front airbags and seat-mounted side airbags.

Another safety feature is all-wheel drive, which includes anti-lock brakes.

And there's more: remote keyless entry, an anti-theft system, child safety door locks, a power window lockout switch, and daytime running lights.

As for performance, I was pleasantly surprised.

My tester had a 1.8-liter four-cylinder engine with variable valve timing that produces 180 horsepower.

Because the Vibe is lightweight, it can get away from a traffic light with reasonable ease, but it's not a real sports car.

Doing 0-to-60 mph in less than 9 seconds is a yawner.

However, the fuel economy

numbers are an eye-opener: 28 city and 33 highway.

What I liked most was the ease in handling.

Because the seats are easy to adjust and raise, once I was in place, the view of the road was clear, similar to the view from the seat of a big sport utility.

But unlike a big SUV, the Vibe is easy to turn and squeeze into a tight parking space, as the overall length is only 172 inches.

This vehicle also does well on winding roads.

As the frame is well constructed and quite rigid, Pontiac engineers were able to build a solid suspension system.

As for the name "Vibe," it's catchy but it doesn't describe what the Vibe is.

That remains a mystery.

PONTIAC VIBE

Vehicle Type	Five-passenger all-wheel drive car/sporty wagon/SUV
Suggested Retail	\$16,340
Price as Tested	\$19,200
Engine Type	DOHC 16-valve, 1.8-liter four-cylinder w/EFI
Horsepower	130 at 6,000 rpm
Torque	125 at 4,200 rpm
Transmission	Four-speed automatic
Wheelbase	102 inches
Tread (front/rear)	60/59 inches
Overall Length	172 inches
Height	62 inches
Turning Circle (curb to curb)	37 feet
Curb Weight	2,700 pounds
Fuel Capacity	13 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 28/33
Strong Feature	Handling
Weak Feature	Radio dial

Diagnosis points to sticking torque converter clutch

KNIGHT RIDDER N.T.W.S.P.A.S.

Q My 1992 Olds Achieva S has a problem. After traveling 10 to 15 miles, the car bucks and dies.

It restarts easily in park or neutral, but when you put it in gear the engine dies immediately.

After waiting 30 to 45 minutes, the car can be restarted and will go another 10 to 15 miles. Then the cycle repeats itself. My suspicion is a faulty module on the engine or transmission.

Alden Lovel, San Jose, Calif.

A Your excellent description of the Achieva's symptoms makes this diagnosis an easy one. It sounds like the transmission's torque converter clutch solenoid is intermittently sticking in the engaged position.

The bucking-stalling effect is similar to forgetting to depress the clutch in a manual transmission vehicle when it is brought to a stop. The engine also dies when the transmission is placed in gear, as the torque converter is still locked up.

A majority of automatic transmission vehicles utilize a torque converter clutch to improve fuel economy and to reduce fluid temperature.

An automatic transmission's

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Auto QNA

torque converter does an excellent job of allowing the vehicle to idle while stopped, and it multiplies torque during acceleration. But it allows some slippage (wasted energy) while driving at road speed.

The TCC is programmed to engage — locking the converter's turbine to the rear of its housing — while driving at moderate speeds or higher and under light load. This eliminates slippage. It should never engage below 25 mph, or your ability to drive will be severely compromised.

The Achieva's TCC solenoid is located beneath the transmission's valve body cover (accessible without transmission removal), and is put into action by the powertrain control module.

Try disconnecting the electrical connector entering the transmission case, rendering the TCC inoperable, and drive the car for 20 to 30 miles. I believe you'll find the symptoms will disappear.

It's OK to drive the car around town with the connector unplugged

for a few days while arranging for the solenoid's replacement, but keep in mind that the engine fluid temperature will be somewhat elevated.

Q I hope you can help me. I have a '96 Blazer, and my dome light keeps going on and off.

I have had it in the garage, and they can't figure it out. It's been doing this for over a year.

Audrey Mix, Huntsville, Ala.

A Your Blazer has either a hair-trigger door switch, or your circuit 156 white wire is intermittently shorting.

The switches can be checked by opening each door very slowly and observing the dome light. The light

should only illuminate after the door is opened at least several inches.

Also check the circuit 156 runs throughout the Blazer. Common places for problems are parking brake mechanism and screw points behind the instrument panel, and along the

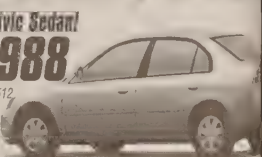
Wiggle the wire at various changes. If you find the problem, the wire will be fine.

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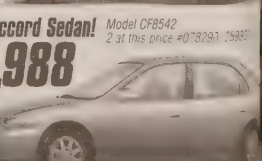
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 This year's star attractions include The Phoenix, the world's first diesel-powered truck (251 mph), a 1901 Ford Model T, a U.S. Navy jet (like those used in Operation Enduring Freedom), a giant 12th annual show, the Pacific Coast Adult Health Center, and working machines, running the gamut from cars, U.S. Army tanks and motorcycles to restored military aircraft, model-T fire engines, steam tractors, and more. Automobile enthusiasts will get an up-close look at motor vehicles from every era in the 20th and 21st century. Antique, vin-

AUTO BRIEFS

Among this year's star attractions is a U.S. Navy F-18 fighter jet (like those used in Operation Enduring Freedom).

tage and classic cars will represent the early days with horseless carriages and Ford Model Ts, among others, alongside the more fanciful touring and luxury cars such as Bentley, Packard and Rolls Royce. Flash and speed will be symbolized by an array of fabulous sports cars like the T-Bird, Jaguar, Cobra, and Triumph.

Customized street rods will show off their gaudiness and amazing detail work, while muscle cars like the

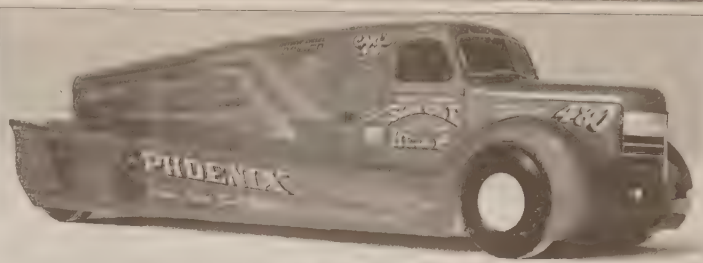
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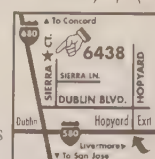
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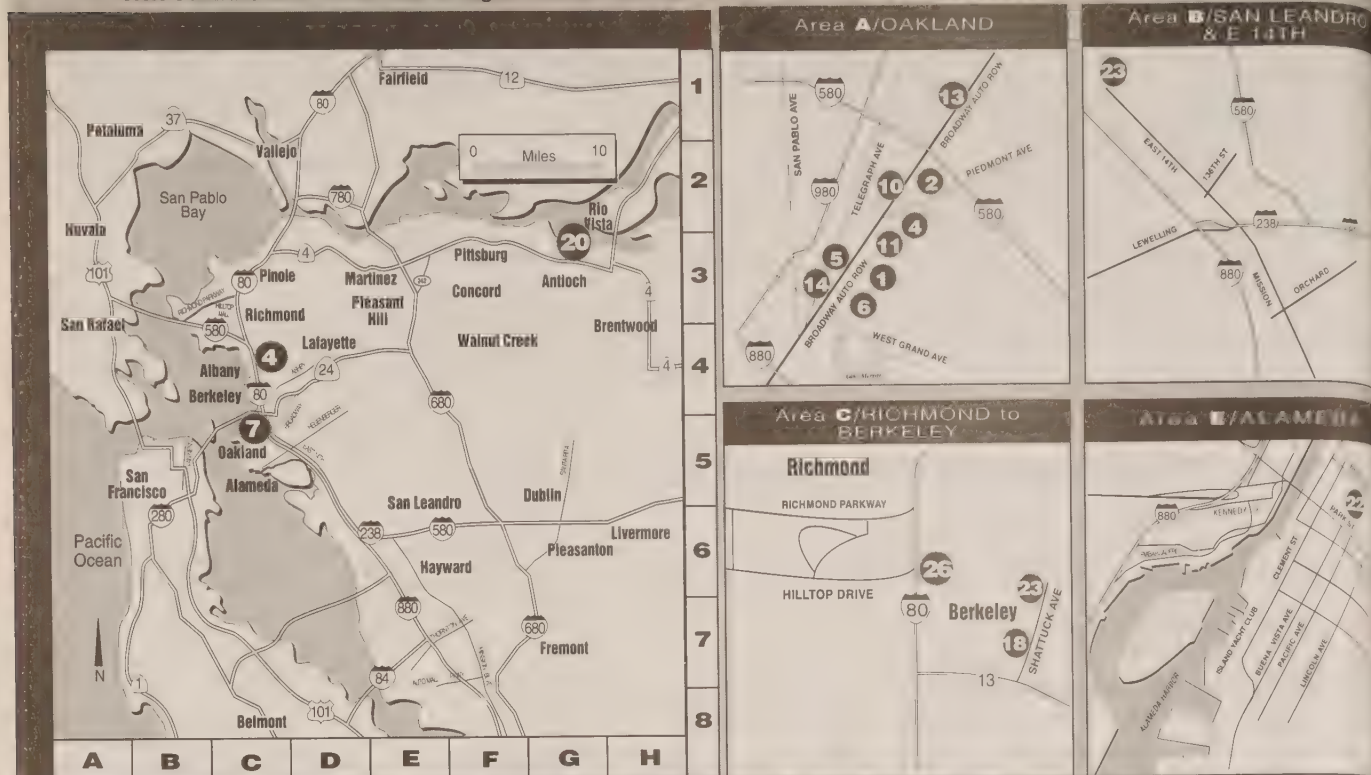
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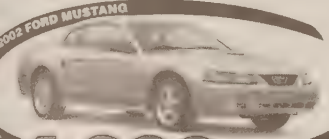


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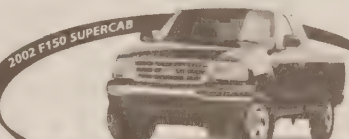


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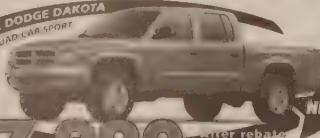
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